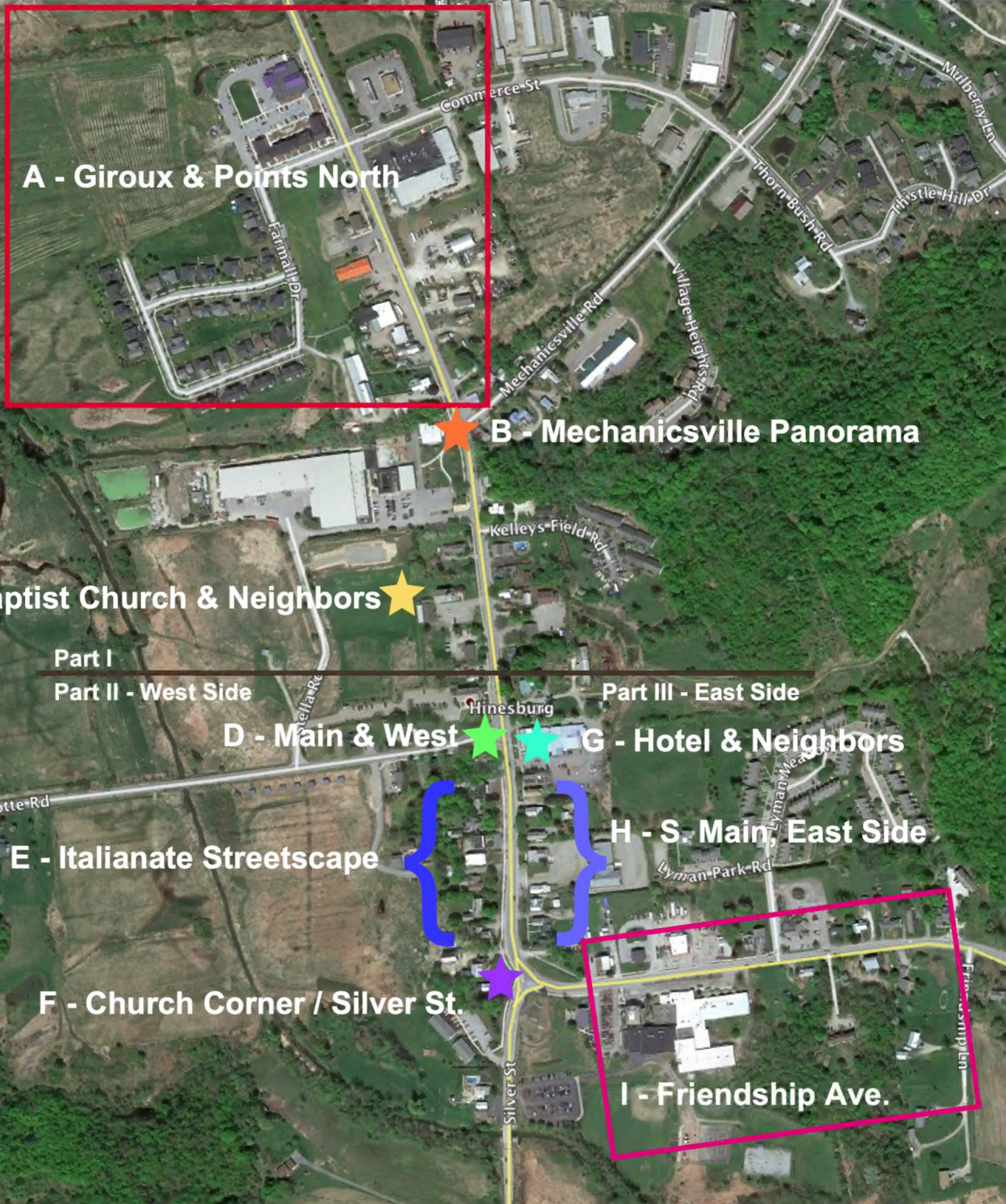


# HINESBURG VILLAGE WALKING TOUR

## SELF-GUIDED

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## HINESBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With additional information found online from the Hinesburg Record and Carpenter-Carse Library

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Introduction (digital version - found on our Facebook page or with the QR Codes, below):

- **Download** the three parts to your device (the larger the screen, the better), plus the bonus maps, if you'd like them. When/if you want to do the tour again at a later date, check the link to make sure you have the latest version.
- An overcast day is best, to avoid glare on your screen.
- Start at the beginning and **walk** through in order, or do the tour in sections, all in one day or over multiple days. Take the tour over and over again; you'll probably notice & learn something new each time.
- **Compare** the *then* (old photo) and *now* (in person). Stand roughly at the star (but NOT in the road!) or walk in the order the numbers indicate. The numbers mark buildings, or with an arrow, the direction to face. You may notice there are better vantage points for some photos. We tried to keep you safe (!) and to stick to a logical, linear route. Feel free to explore on your own, but please stay out of the road and off private property!
- **Zoom** in on the old photos - *really* zoom! The resolution is good so you can see the details.
- If you're interested, go through the tour **at home**, where you can focus on the information. But don't worry about absorbing all the history. Just enjoy the photos if that's all you want to do.
- **Follow up online** with the Hinesburg Record articles mentioned and at the Carpenter-Carse Library web site for the Leonard Carpenter booklet that we refer to. Start with the *Hinesburg Record* Sept 2011 issue for an article about the early history of Hinesburg. Their back issues can be found on their web site, [hinesburg-record.org](http://hinesburg-record.org)
- Visit and **Like** Hinesburg Historical Society on Facebook. Leave us feedback there and scroll through our posts for more Hinesburg history. Or email us at [HHS@gmavt.net](mailto:HHS@gmavt.net)
- **Have fun!**

\* We refer often to the 1857 Walling & 1869 Beers village maps; they are especially handy because property owners are written on them. We've included them in a separate map download. Other great resources - the 1882-83 *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Chittenden County, Vt*, the *Chittenden County Directory for 1902-03* and Erastus Bostwick's *1861 History and Tales of Hinesburgh, Vermont*, written when he was 93 years old. It was transcribed and published in 1976 by the Hinesburg Bicentennial Committee. Online resources include Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org (LDS, the Mormons) and newspapers.com. Another great online resource for old photos, from all over Vermont, is the UVM Landscape Change website.

According to the **Sheldon Museum**:

Aerial landscape photographs were taken by **George N. Lathrop** (1900-1983), who owned or managed sporting goods stores in Bristol and at New Haven Junction. A self-taught photographer, he learned to fly in the 1920s and helped establish the Bristol airport in the early 1930s. He flew with the left side door of his plane removed, using a Fairchild F- 8 camera with a large Zeiss lens for his aerial shots, to include many panoramic views of Lake Champlain.

George Lathrop took 3 photos of Hinesburg Village on **Oct. 27, 1938**

See the UVM Landscape Change website for high resolution scans of these aerials plus more.



*Part I*



*Part II*



*Part III*



*Maps*

## A - Giroux & Points North

2 - Hinesburg Valley Cheese Factory

1 - race track (gone...or is it?)

Start here

Commerce St

3 - Harrison Owen Farm

4 - Degree / Morrill / Giroux Blacksmith Shop (gone)

5 - Giroux Body Shop

6 - JP & Hermina Giroux

7 - View South

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Firehouse

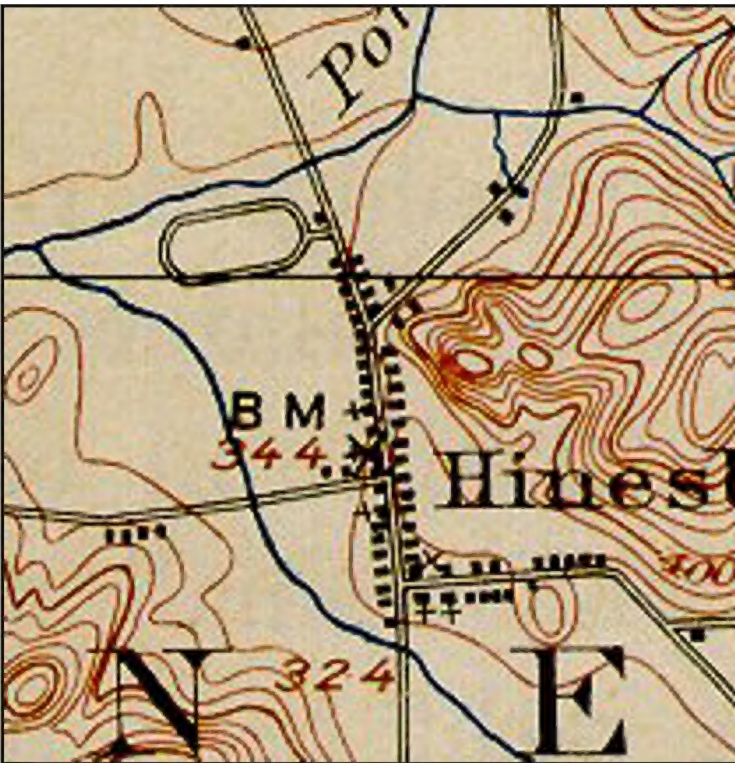
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North

Meet





## 1 - Race Track



left, 1906 map

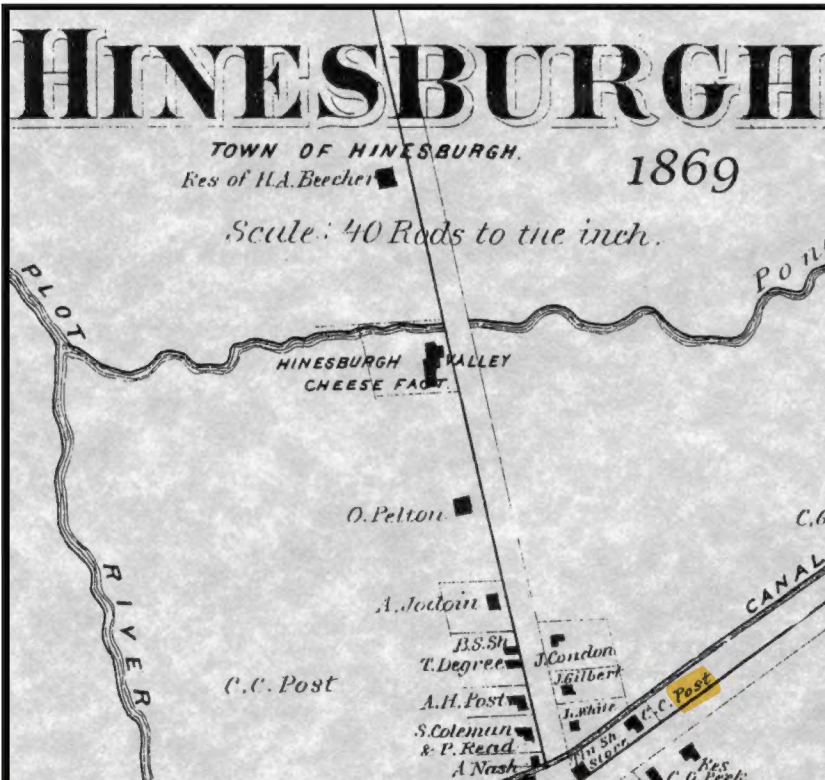
above, 1993 US Geological Survey

From Leonard Carpenter's booklet, *Hinesburg, Vermont from 1762*: For years a half-mile race track was maintained at the lower village, where trotters and pacers were raced for small cash prizes and horse blankets. During the winter, horses were raced on the Reservoir (*Sunset Lake*), and on Hinesburg Pond (*Lake Iroquois*)

"The story goes that my mother's two brothers were 12, 13, or 14 years older than her and so they were supposed to be minding the baby. She ended up in a baby carriage and somebody had a stopwatch. They were timing how quickly they could push little Mildred around the race track!" - Jean Miner about her mother, Mildred Harvey Aube, born in 1910 near the creamery, which her father managed.

Find Leonard Carpenter's booklet, first published in 1961, at the Carpenter-Carse Library. The fourth printing, released for Hinesburg's 250th anniversary, is also available digitally at the library. It includes many extras from Leonard Carpenter and we'll refer to it often on our tour.

## 2 - Hinesburgh Valley Cheese Factory



Established in 1866 by a stock company. According to *History of Chittenden County, Vermont With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers* (1886), "While this was the only factory in town it used the milk from about 1,000 cows, but other factories in this and neighboring towns have reduced its business to some extent, though it now turns out an excellent quality. It uses the milk of about 400 cows."

*Burlington Free Press*:

Sep 1889 - The Valley Creamery is now running by water power. An entirely new flume with a fall of 20 feet takes the water of the old canal. A Leffell turbine wheel is used and a working capacity of 20 hores-power is obtained.

Jun 1900 - Ernest Sanctuary is erecting a large building for manufacturing purposes where **Hull's** (Henry - the manager) **creamery was burned a few years ago**.

Oct 1900 - The old cheese factory north of the village has been sold and will be moved away.

Nov 1900 - Mr. A. Sykes has bought, taken down and moved away half of the old cheese factory for a tenant house. Murray Love has bought the other half for a barn and is now taking it down and John Hopkins has bought what was the engine house and press room.



### 3 - Harrison Owen Farm

Built cir 1850

Lewis L Dow (1857)

Orin Pelton (1869)

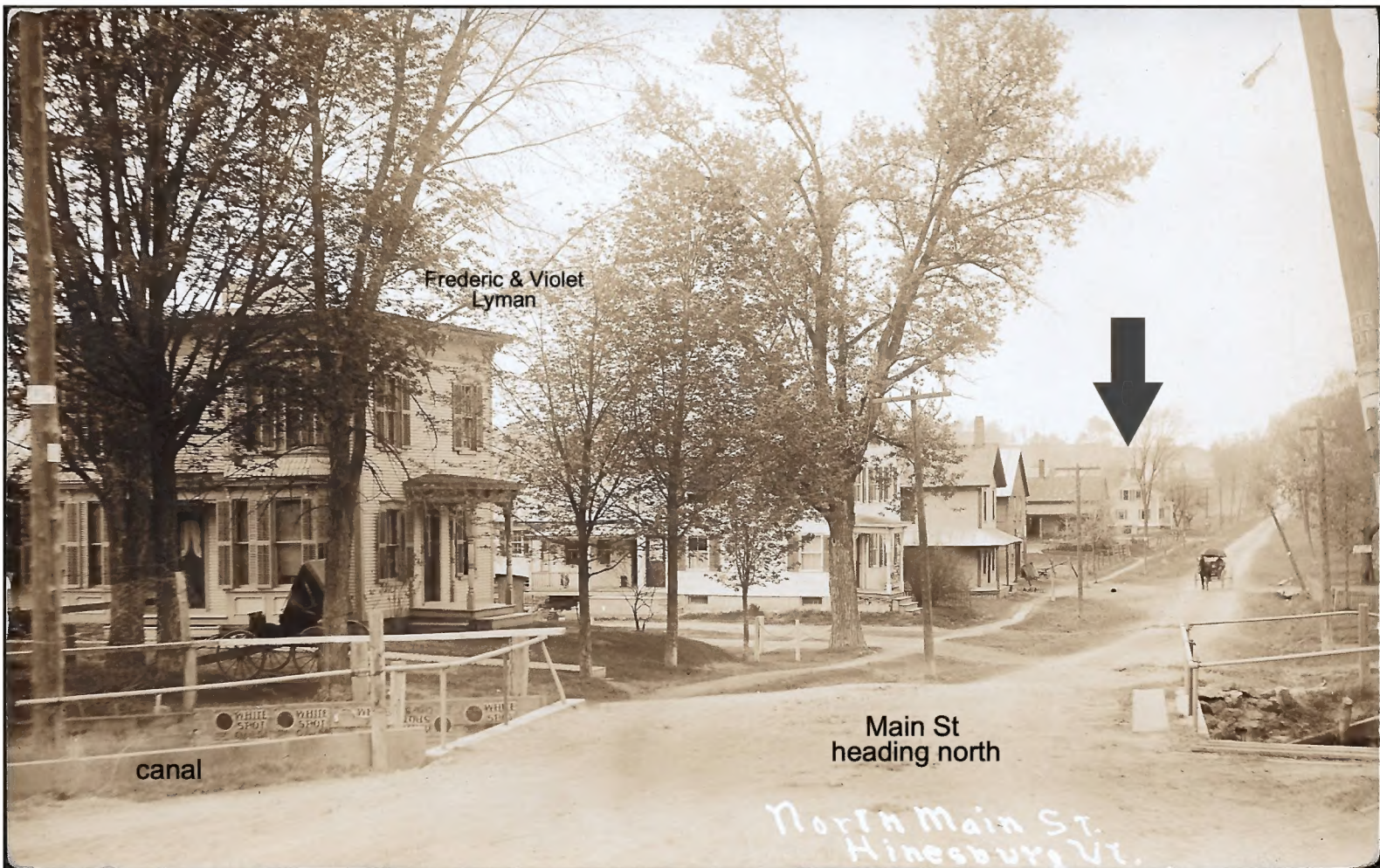
Harrison Owen (1902 directory)

Frederic K. Lyman bought the house from Harrison Owen in the 1940s as a tenant house for farm help. Frederic & Violet Lyman lived in the house seen in the photo at the bottom. In 1952 he gave the tenant house to his newly married son & daughter-in-law, David & Joan. In 1960 father & son traded houses.

More on the Lymans coming up.

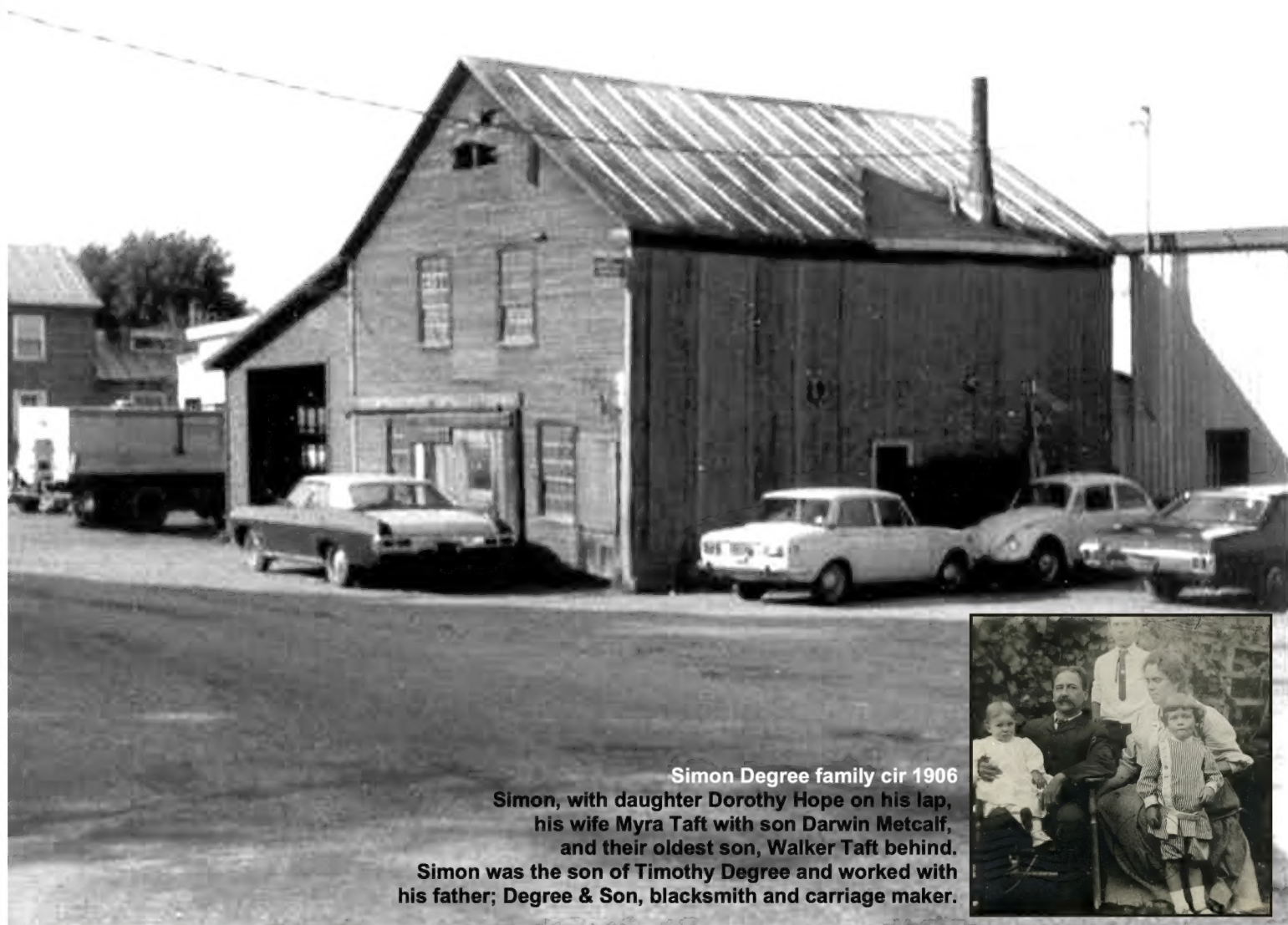
Former Hinesburg Police station (2001)

See the Apr 2016 *Hinesburg Record* for more.





## 4 - Degree / Morrill / Giroux Blacksmith Shop



**Simon Degree family cir 1906**  
Simon, with daughter Dorothy Hope on his lap,  
his wife Myra Taft with son Darwin Metcalf,  
and their oldest son, Walker Taft behind.  
Simon was the son of Timothy Degree and worked with  
his father; Degree & Son, blacksmith and carriage maker.



left to right: two hired men, Hermina & JP Giroux

Formerly the Timothy Degree blacksmith shop, with house directly to the south (1869 map). Maybe J. Carpenter house and Wheelwright shop in 1857. Later owned by Amos Morrill, his heirs sold it in 1923 to Joseph Paul (JP) Giroux.





## 5 - Giroux Body Shop



Joseph Paul (JP) Giroux and Hermina Gervais were both born in Canada in the late 1890s and came to the United States in their late teens. Hermina ended up in Burlington working at a hotel on Church St. JP worked as a blacksmith in Shelburne; the building is now part of the Shelburne Museum.

JP and Hermina met and were married in 1922 in Burlington. After their marriage, they purchased a house and blacksmith/wheelwright shop here from Joseph (Jody) & Fred Morrill, nephews and heirs of the late Amos Morrill. JP converted it after WWII to a vehicle and equipment repair shop; it is now Giroux Body Shop. JP and Hermina raised 3 sons: Victor, Ernest and Bernard. In the early 1950s JP moved the house next door to out back for storage and eventually tore it down. The old blacksmith shop was taken down in the early 1970s. In 1975 Victor & Bernard bought 25 acres along the other side of Rt. 116. In the late 1980s they began to develop "Commerce Park" with 15 lots available for sale.

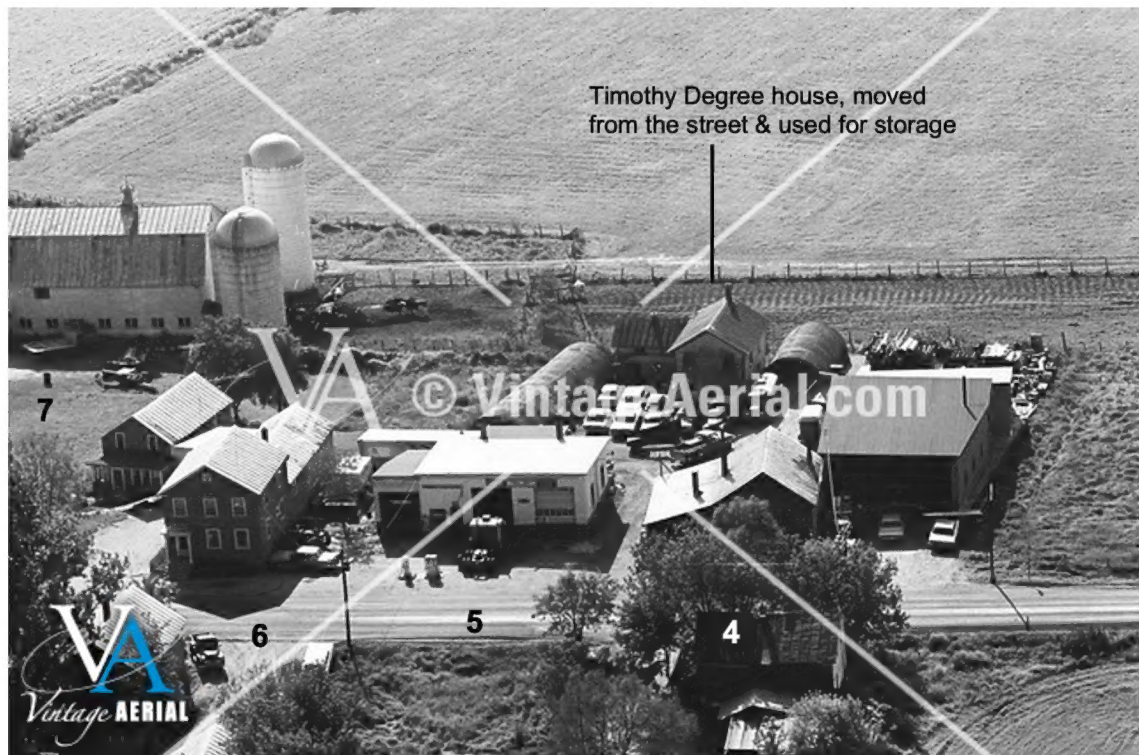
See the Oct 2011 *Hinesburg Record* for a great interview with Victor Giroux and an amazing photo of inside the old shop. It was part of Schuyler Jackson's series on the electrification of Vermont.

### Aerial view, 1967

- 4 - Blacksmith Shop
- 5 - Body Shop
- (formerly location of Timothy Degree house)
- 6 - JP & Hermina Giroux house (next)
- 7 - Lyman farm

See more at:  
<https://vintageaerial.com/>  
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6 - JP & Hermina Giroux House



Built cir 1850, **Alson Hoyt Post** in 1857 & 1869, bought by Giroux in 1923 from the Owen family.





## 7 - View South



1 = JP & Hermina's house, 2 = **Lyman** house, 3 = Reed & Patrick Tin Shop & Mechanicsville corner (see B, next)

Frederick Fuller Lyman moved to Hinesburgh where he operated a carding mill on Pond Brook in the 1870s and 1880, located on a mill pond directly below the present site of the Iroquois Mfg. Co., later operated by his grandson, Leland H. Lyman. Roger T. Lyman, son of Frederick carried on his father's farm on Richmond Rd, later moving to the Harmon Beecher farm about one-half mile north of the lower village. His sister had married Herbert Beecher, son of Harmon. Roger married Flora Norma Kenyon in 1902 (paraphrased from Leonard Carpenter). Their oldest son Frederic bought the house above. Leland, married Doris Hinsdale and settled on her family farm on Shelburne Falls Rd. Edwin married Dorothy Millham and settled on his father's farm just north of the village. His daughter Norma Jean, married Howard Riggs (more on the Riggs family later).



1938 George Lathrop aerial view of north Hinesburgh Village



## B - Mechanicsville Panorama

Vantage Point  
(DON'T stand in the road!)

1 - View North

2 - Creamery, gone

3 - Houses, all gone

4 - View South - incl  
Bob Francis House (a),  
Masonic Hall (b),  
Flanagan House (c),  
Birthplace of Leonard  
Carpenter (d),  
Tobey House (e)

5 - Peck House & Farm

6 - Reed & Patrick Tin Shop,  
gone









## 2 - The Creamery



Shelburne Coop Creamery Co



Photo from an Allie Murray glass plate negative



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C. ECONOMOU CHEESE CORP., HINESBURG, VT.

A cotton and woolen goods factory was first built on this site in 1818 by Mitchell Hinsdale and Jedediah Boynton, powered by the canal they built in 1820. At least by the 1857 map and through the 1886 business directory, there was a grist mill on the site.

A 1915 map of the village shows the Chittenden County Creamery. All of these photos show the building as a creamery.

An October fire in 2008 marked the end of cheese making at this site. See the *Hinesburg Record* October 2008 issue for the story

May 1851 *Burlington Free Press*  
Jedediah Boynton died in 1848

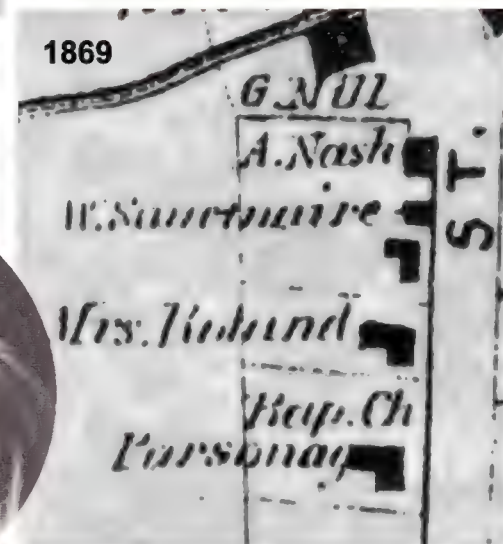
### Woolen Factory For Sale.

**BY VIRTUE** of a license from the Probate Court for the sale of the Real Estate of the late Jedediah Boynton. I will expose for sale at PUBLIC AUCTION at Hinesburgh, on the 7th June 1851, all that property called "the woolen Factory," situated in the village of Hinesburgh, consisting of about an acre of Land, with the Factory Building, Machinery and Tools in the same, which, during the life time of said Boynton, was carried on by him — The above sale is to enable the Administrator to close the estate, and the property will be sold to the highest bidder. There is a mortgage upon the said property, and the same will be sold subject to incumbrances. The particular condition of the property, and the terms of sale will be made known at the time.  
JOSEPH MARSH, Administrator.  
Hinesburgh, May 1, 1851. d2.wjw7



### 3 - Houses South of the Creamery

Five; all now gone. You'll see a few more later in the tour.



**William Sanctuary** in his shoe shop, next door to his house. William and his sisters and brothers were born in and around Longueuil, Quebec, along the southern shore opposite Montreal, in the 1820s and 30s. They moved to Hinesburg with their parents, Alexis Sanctuaire and Jossette Bissonnet in 1846. Brother Louis was also a shoemaker, he had a shop across the street and later, in the yellow Italianate building 2 doors south of the Charlotte Rd intersection. Another brother, Euzeb, was a carpenter, who owned a casket company and built some of the important commercial buildings in the village, including the "Hull Block" and Woodman's Hall (more on all those later in the tour). The Sanctuary tree eventually connects with the Degree, Carpenter, Miles, Baldwin families and more.

Sanctuary Alfred F., (Hinesburgh) son of William, farmer.

SANCTUARY EUZEB, (Hinesburgh) (E. S. & Son) farmer 1, and wood lot.

\*SANCTUARY E. & SON, (Hinesburgh) (Euzeb and Munsill E.) carpenters and joiners, and dealers in coffins and caskets. [Adv on page 324.]

Sanctuary Louis, (Hinesburgh) manuf. and dealer in boots and shoes.

SANCTUARY MUNSILL E., (Hinesburgh) (E. Sanctuary & Son.)

SANCTUARY WILLIAM, (Hinesburgh) manuf. and dealer in boots and shoes, fruit grower, and farmer 9.

1882/83 directory



One of the little houses may have been moved to along the canal. What do *you* think??





**a:** Built cir 1850; D. Frazier in 1857 (daughter was Euphemia - you may notice her later), E.H. (Eleazar) Glass in 1869, later owned by Bob Francis. He dismantled the brick masonic hall (seen next door) and used the bricks to build a camp on the east side of Lake Iroquois.

**b:** Brick Masonic Hall; after a few attempts, in 1854 Patriot Lodge No. 33 was organized. They occupied the upper floors of this brick building, until the old Congregational Church (more later) was given to the Lodge in the 1930s. Reuben Wickware had a grain store in here; Louis Sanctuary had a shoe shop on the lower floor in the 1860s. This is now the entrance to Kelley's Field.

**c:** Built in 1850. N. Flanagan in 1857, G.W. (George Washington) Flanagan in 1869. George was born in Hinesburg in 1836 and later became the proprietor of the Hinesburg Hotel. His father was Howell C. Flanagan. Howell had a younger brother, Noble Bennett Flanagan. GW Flanagan sold the house to Reuben Wickware (also proprietor of the Hinesburgh Hotel in 1869) in 1870; Wickware sold it to Simon Degree (son of Timothy) in 1883 and then Degree sold it to Loa Reed, wife of Thomas, in 1892. It has been in the same family since. Beulah Berry Busier, granddaughter of Loa and Thomas Reed, grew up in this house. See the *Hinesburg Record*, May, June, Aug and Oct of 2012 for a 4 part interview with Beulah Busier. She shares memories of the people and the neighborhood. Her son Brian bought the house in 1978. He says the house was a tannery at one time in its history.

**d:** H.C. (Howell) & N.B. (Noble) Flanagan (the brothers) in 1857, just H.C. in 1869 (Noble moved to Burlington). Leonard Carpenter was born here in 1882. More on the Carpenter family later in the tour. This house was also owned by George L. Kelley, who Kelley's field is named for (built in 1981). He was a stage driver (1910), barber (1920 & 30), grocer, ice cream parlor and pool hall owner. His wife Mabel was a daughter of Beulah's grandfather, Thomas Reed. More on that Reed family later (different than Perry Reed, who is coming up)

**e:** H. (Harmon) Tobey in 1857 & 69, with his law office 2 doors south in 1857 (possibly the green house, coming up), and next door in 1869. Harmon Tobey was born in 1798 in Starksboro, he died in 1876. His name and signature are all over early Hinesburgh documents, as a busy town lawyer. Later this was the home of Joseph Bissonette.



## 5 - Peck House and Farm



**Cicero Goddard Peck**  
born in Hinesburg  
in 1828 to  
Nahum Peck and  
Lucinda Wheeler.  
Nephew of  
Asahel Peck, 35th  
Governor of Vermont,  
from 1874-1876



He attended the Hinesburgh Academy, and was ready to attend college when he became ill. Outdoor activities to improve his health lead to a successful life as a farmer, buying his property above in 1857, enlarging it over the years to 250 acres and building a large home for himself in 1896, making his former house a tenant house for his farm laborers. He was State Senator in 1878 and Representative in 1890. He was a member of the school board for 15 years and town school superintendent from 1877-1884 and 1891-1894. In 1854 he married Maria Coleman. They didn't have children but did adopt Maria's niece, Lucy Coleman. Cicero Goddard Peck died in 1913. In his will he left 4/5 of his estate to the town of Hinesburg for the education of students beyond the town primary schools. Lucy Coleman challenged the will and won, but when she died in 1934, her will included nearly the same provisions. The first mention in the town reports was in 1938; the estate consisted of \$13,673.06 plus 29 shares of Howard Bank stock and 12 shares of Merchants Bank stock. More on the Peck Estate later.



## 6 - Reed & Patrick Tin Shop



Built along the canal in 1820 by Jedediah Boynton and operated as a general store, then run by his son, Guy Boynton and then sold to William B. Viele.

**Charles Covell Post** opened a stove and tin shop here in 1858. Post invented the Eureka sap spout and bucket holder which he sold in Burlington until the 1880s. He was the son of **Alson Hoyt Post**, who owned the house around the corner, among several other properties. We'll meet more members of the Post family on the tour.

### REED & PATRICK, Hinesburgh, Vermont, Manufacturers of every description of

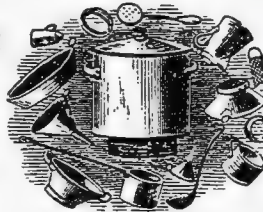
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PRICE, \$4.50 per hundred.

Perry Read and John Stephenson Patrick became partners in 1881 and bought **Post's tin shop**. Read had worked for **C. Post**. Read & Patrick continued to run the business together until Patrick left the partnership in 1892 to take ownership of G. S. Blodgett in Burlington. John S Patrick married Florence Celinda Andrews, daughter of Leonard Andrews. Leonard owned the store in the middle of the village that became a different Reed & Patrick; same name, different partnership. You'll see that later in the tour. Perry Read continued on in Hinesburg in the same business, with various partners, until his death in 1917. He started out as a tinsmith apprentice and married Martha Jane Bell, of the small house on the southeast corner, across from the tin shop. Her father was Royal Bell, paper hanger and painter.

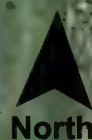


## C - Baptist Church & Neighbors

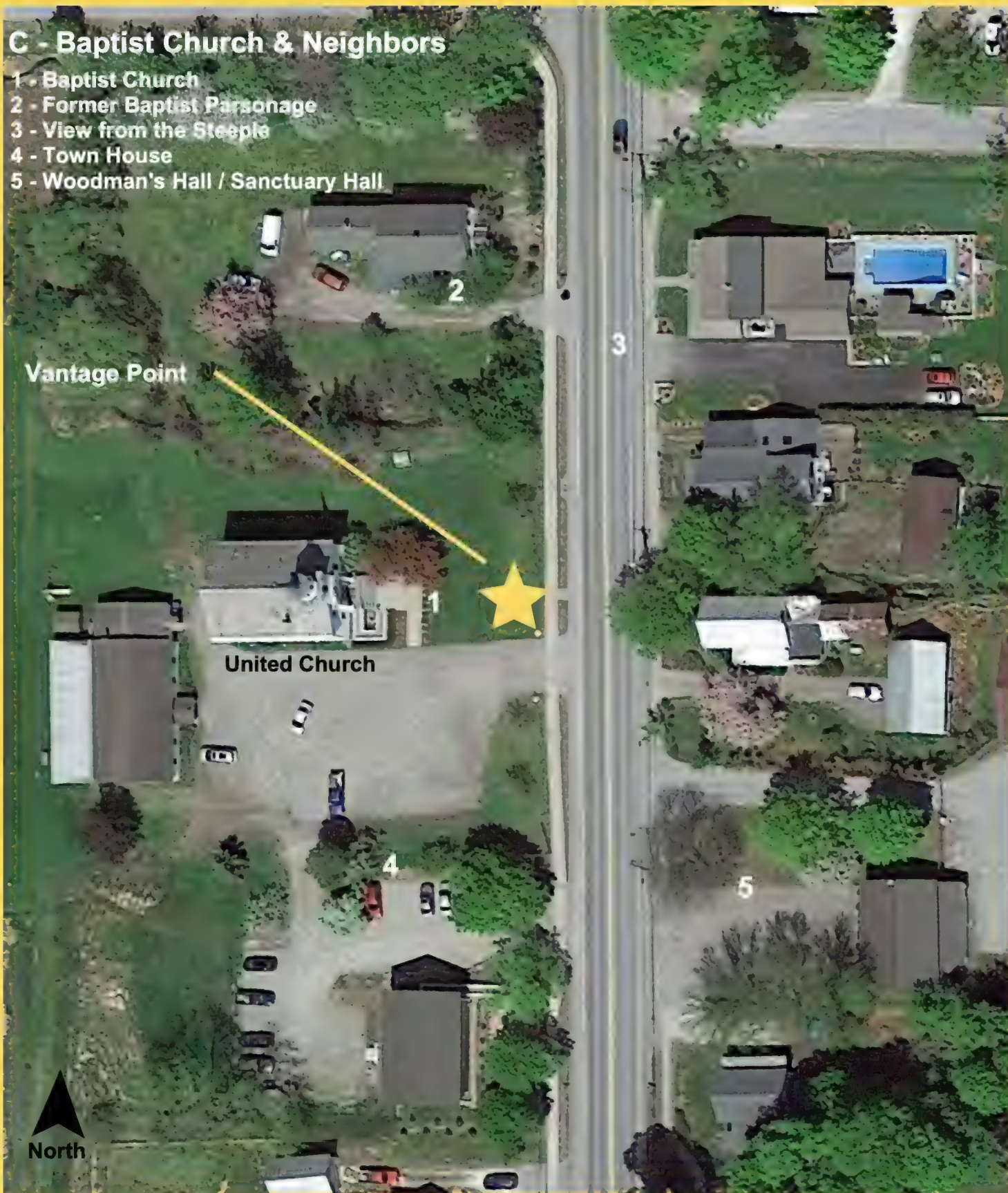
- 1 - Baptist Church
- 2 - Former Baptist Parsonage
- 3 - View from the Steeple
- 4 - Town House
- 5 - Woodman's Hall / Sanctuary Hall

Vantage Point

United Church



North





# 1 - Baptist Church



"The Baptist Church...was organized May 20, 1810, with eight members. Delegates from the Monkton Baptist Church met with the members in a school house located on the south-west corner of Main Street and the Charlotte road... The church building, a wood structure, was built in 1826 on a one-acre plot donated by Jedediah Boynton." - Leonard Carpenter





2 - Former Baptist Parsonage



Baptist parsonage  
Hinesburg Vt.



The house north of the church was built cir 1820 by Thomas Gibbs (cir 1795-1852), who also had a harness shop in the north end and was postmaster from 12 Jan 1828 to his death in 1852. His son Edward seemed to follow in his father's footsteps, also working as a saddler and then appointed postmaster upon his father's death in 1852. In 1857 Mrs. M. (Mary) Gibbs lived in the house but by the 1869 map it was called the "Bap. Ch. Parsonage." When the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches combined in 1915, the Methodist parsonage was retained (you'll see it later on the tour) and this house was sold. During Prohibition the house was owned by a local bootlegger. He supposedly kept his booze hidden in the pulpit of the church next door - it was an open secret!



### 3 - View from the Steeple

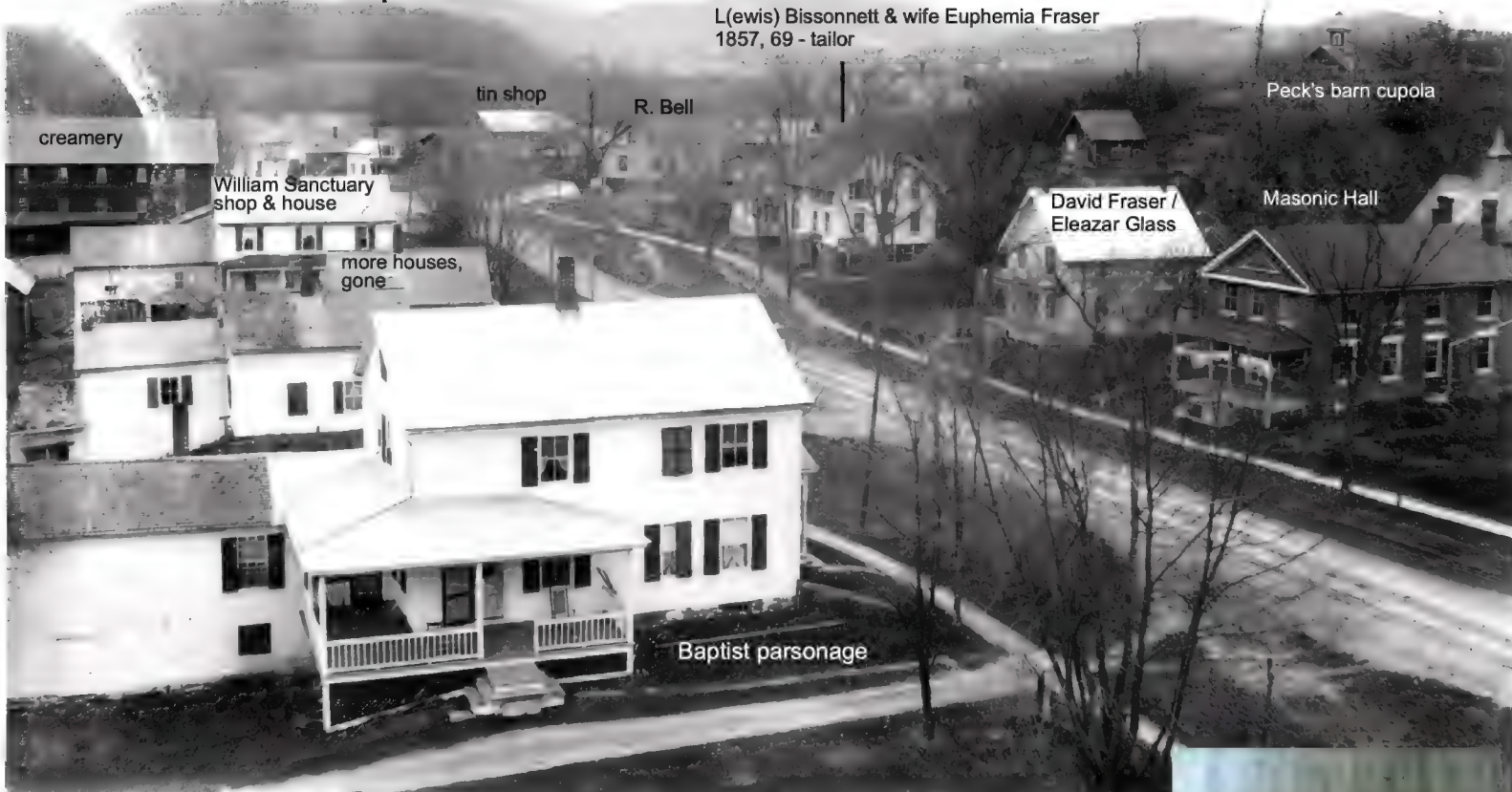


Photo from an Allie Murray glass plate negative. To get to the steeple you have to climb two steep ladders and crawl under the huge bell. See the March 2012 *Hinesburg Record* for a story about the graffiti in the steeple. (E.L. Degree & W.F.S. - Sanctuary). And search our Facebook page for more on the bell.



See the *Hinesburg Record* Sept 2011 issue for an interview with Reggie Robinson, and Reggie talks about his friend, **Johnny Mead**.

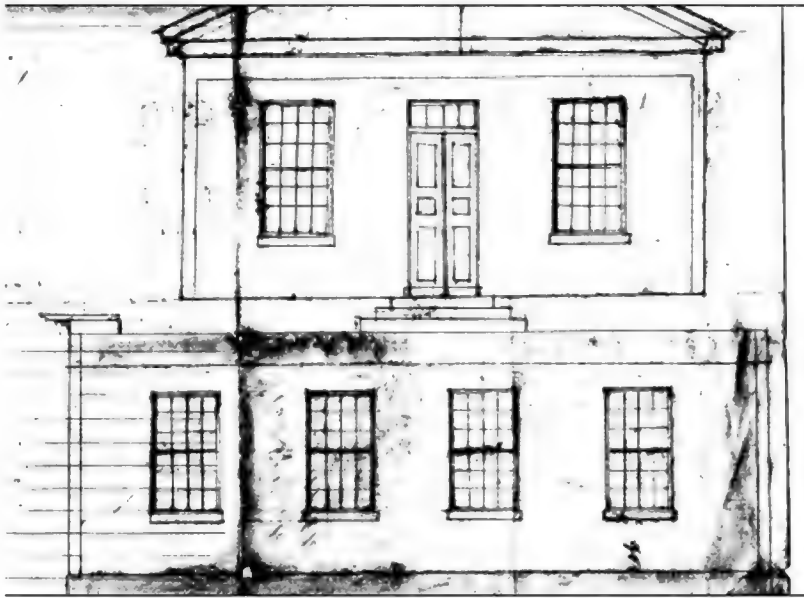


While we're up here, let's look out the other side - to the south. The yellow building is known as the Gilman Block. It was built in 1875 as an Advent Christian church. It was set back from and perpendicular to the road. It was only used for a few years and in 1903 the building was sold at public auction to George Gilman for \$255. He rotated it 90 degrees and turned it into a 2-family house. The green house may be the former law office of H. Toby in 1857 and then owned by E Sanctuary in 1869, both to the south of the former Baptist Vestry. For a long time the house was used by the Lyman as a farm tenant house.

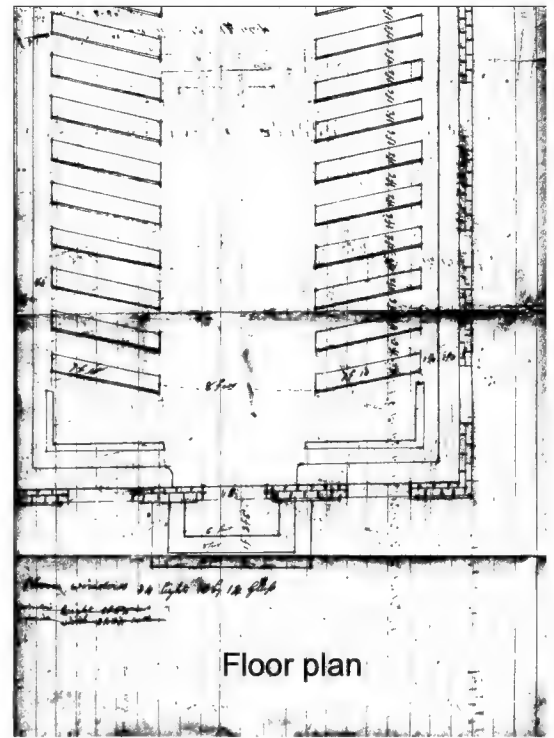




## 4 - Town House



Front & side elevations



Until the town (meeting) house was built in 1840, town meetings were held either in the Congregational Church or the "school-house." These drawings are from a proposal by builder George Prindle of Charlotte. It's not known if this is the plan the town built. The meeting house only lasted until cir 1901, when the new town hall was built two doors south. By 1938, the foundation was all that was left (below).





## 5 - Woodman's Hall



Harmon Tobey house, later the Joseph Bissonette house, where Father Mahoney would stay in the earliest days of St Jude.

Father Mahoney  
outside Woodman's Hall

*Burlington Free Press*, 27 Dec 1888 - "E. Sanctuary and son are building a block on the former site of the Baptist vestry. They will use the basement for a joiner's shop, the second floor for an undertaker's establishment and the third floor will be furnished for a hall, capable of seating 500 people."

"Roller skating in Sanctuary's Hall was a popular indoor sport," -Leonard Carpenter

Modern Woodmen of America # 7496 bought the hall in 1911; the organization was founded in 1883, the largest fraternal benefit society (assets-wise) in America.

St Jude parish was organized in 1942 and regular services were held in Woodman's Hall until 1948, when a church was built. Father John Mahoney was appointed to St Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Charlotte.

Michael Mack bought the property in 1950; he sold it to Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. in 1953. Mack was an owner of that company.

End of Part I

Download Part II for the West side of Main St.

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SWING BAND.**

**Admission 25c. — Dancing 9 to 1.**

*Burlington Free Press*, 25 Nov 1937



## D - Main & West St.

- 1 - View North
- 2 - Town Hall
- 3 - Peck / Blanchard / Miner House (gone)
- 4 - View Coming and Going - West St.
- 5 - Dorwin / LaBell / Dameron House
- 6 - Chester Arthur / Dr JF Miles House
- 7 - "West Entrance to Hinesburg"





1 - View North

looking back toward where we just came from

Hinesburg Village  
looking north  
from Town Hall.





## 2 - Hinesburg Town Hall



house built post  
1869 map



Photo from an Allie  
Murray glass plate  
negative \*

Built in 1901 to replace the town house, on  
land owned by **Herman Arthur Post**.

*Burlington Free Press*, "The hall is 40x70  
and seats 450 people comfortably...The  
basement contains a fire-proof vault for  
town records, a court room, library room  
and town clerk's office."

See *Hinesburg Record*, Feb 2013 for an  
article about a murder on the front steps in  
1913. The victim, Jack Gaffney, was a  
cousin of George Kelley.

**BOXING TONIGHT**  
**HINESBURG, 8:15**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**43 Rounds. 11 Bouts.**

*Burlington Free Press*, 4 May 1939





### 3 - Peck / Blanchard / Miner House



The house at the corner of Main & West St. was donated to the town but it was run down and not worth saving, so the town demolished it around 2000 and the intersection was realigned. In addition to the road improvement, the steep and unsafe driveway to the town hall parking lot was eliminated and a nice outdoor space was created.

In 1857 & 1869 the property belonged to N. Peck, C. G. Peck's father. Nahum was born in 1796 in Royalton MA, studied law and afterward settled in Hinesburg where he practiced his whole life. At the time the 1882 gazetteer was published he was "with one exception the oldest practicing lawyer in Vermont."

Later, for about 50 years, the house belonged to the Blanchard family, and from 1966 to around 2000 it belonged to the Miner family. They moved from the former Riggs hardware store building (coming up) after a fire on 31 Dec 1965.

In this print from an Allie Murray glass plate negative (left), notice the house in the background. l-r Mary Dwire, May Murray & Ethel Skiff.



## 4 - West Street



coming and going

Interesting story found in the Dec 15, 1900 *Burlington Clipper*, written by Lloyd Grames: "On that spot of land lying between the Methodist parsonage and the Congregational vestry (coming up in Part III) stood a building known as the '**plastered store**,' as it was plastered on the outside. It was in this building that Marcus Hull commenced business (more on him soon). Just what year I have not been able to ascertain, but it was some years prior to 1836. After that date the plastered store was converted into a **wheelwright** shop by Harmon Ray, the originator of the famous Ray buggy. After Mr. Ray removed to Burlington the store building was moved down on **West st.** and made into a **dwelling house**, and is now occupied by Eli Brownson." Look at the maps in the separate download; on the 1857 map the W. Shop is there, wedged between the Cong. Vestry & Rev. F. Simmons, and only one house is on West St. It's gone in 1869 and there are two houses on West St.



A. Hard, 1869

F. Leavenworth 1869

West from  
Hinesburg  
Village



5 - Dorwin / LaBell / Dameron House



Built around 1830, Canfield Dorwin lived here through 1857 when next door to the west was a blacksmith shop. Canfield was born in 1784 to Thomas Dorwin, who lived in the brick house on Silver St. near Lewis Creek Rd.

H.M. Baldwin was here in 1869; this was possibly Harley M. Baldwin, son of Edmund and Susanna and brother of F.W. (we'll meet F.W. later). Harley died in 1874. His father, Edmund Baldwin, was the son of an original proprietor. He was born in New Milford, CT, where most of the original proprietors were from, but only one of them actually settled in Hinesburg after it was chartered. Like Edmund, many sons or other heirs of the original proprietors *did* move up to the wilds of Vermont to make their own way. In some cases, the original proprietor joined his relative late in life and died and was buried here, like the father of Lemuel Bostwick. Captain Isaac Bostwick and his wife, Prudence Warner Bostwick, are both buried in the Gaffney Ray cemetery on Gilman Rd. Their son, Lemuel, built the first mills on lower Patrick Brook. We'll meet other Bostwicks, Baldwins, Boyntons and Beechers on our tour. They are all connected by blood (close and distant) or marriage. \*

This was home of the Henry Nelson Labell family between 1926 to 1962, and now the Dameron home since 1988.

\* The HHS is building one giant Hinesburgh family tree as a result of our ongoing research. Contact us at [HHS@gmavt.net](mailto:HHS@gmavt.net) if you have an interest in that project.



## 6 - Chester Arthur / Dr. John Fay Miles House



Separate town clerk office with entrance on West Street



Built cir 1820 on the site of the first school in town. **Lyman Clark** was perhaps the builder of the house. He "was a blacksmith and worked in a stone shop on the site of the present store of Louis Sanctuary." (coming up). He is in the 1820, 30 & 40 Hinesburg census.

**Chester Arthur** lived here as a boy when his father, who was a Baptist minister, served in Hinesburg between 1833-35.

**Dr. John Fay Miles** and his wife, Fidelia Boynton (niece of Jedediah Boynton), bought the house in 1848. Dr. Miles was town clerk for 42 years and his daughter Mary was his assistant. She took over after her father died at 99 years old. See our article in the April 2018 *Hinesburg Record* for an interesting story about the Miles family.

House has been in the Walker family since 1981.



## 7 - View North (again)

looking back toward where we just came from

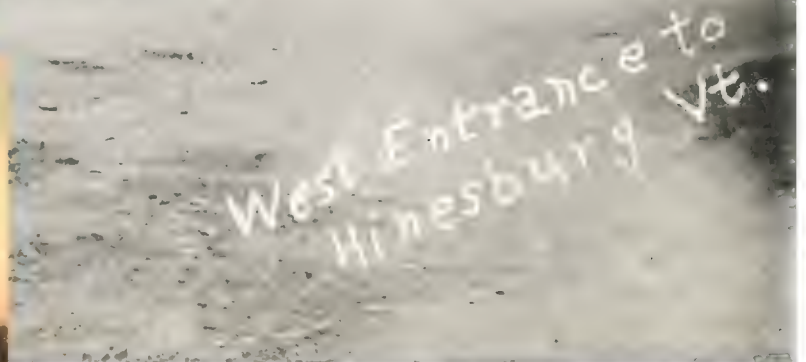


Miles house

Peck / Blanchard / Miner house



West Entrance to Hinesburg, Vt.



Colorized view of Main Street



1938 George Lathrop aerial view of Hinesburg Village



## E - Italianate Streetscape

- 1 - View South
- 2 - Sanctuary Shoe Shop (Louis) / Post Office
- 3 - Hinesburgh Academy / Sarah Carpenter Memorial Library
- 4 - Graveyard and ...
- 5 - J. H. Allen Harness Shop / Lucia Block
- 6 - H. M. Hull Store
- 7 - 1880s view

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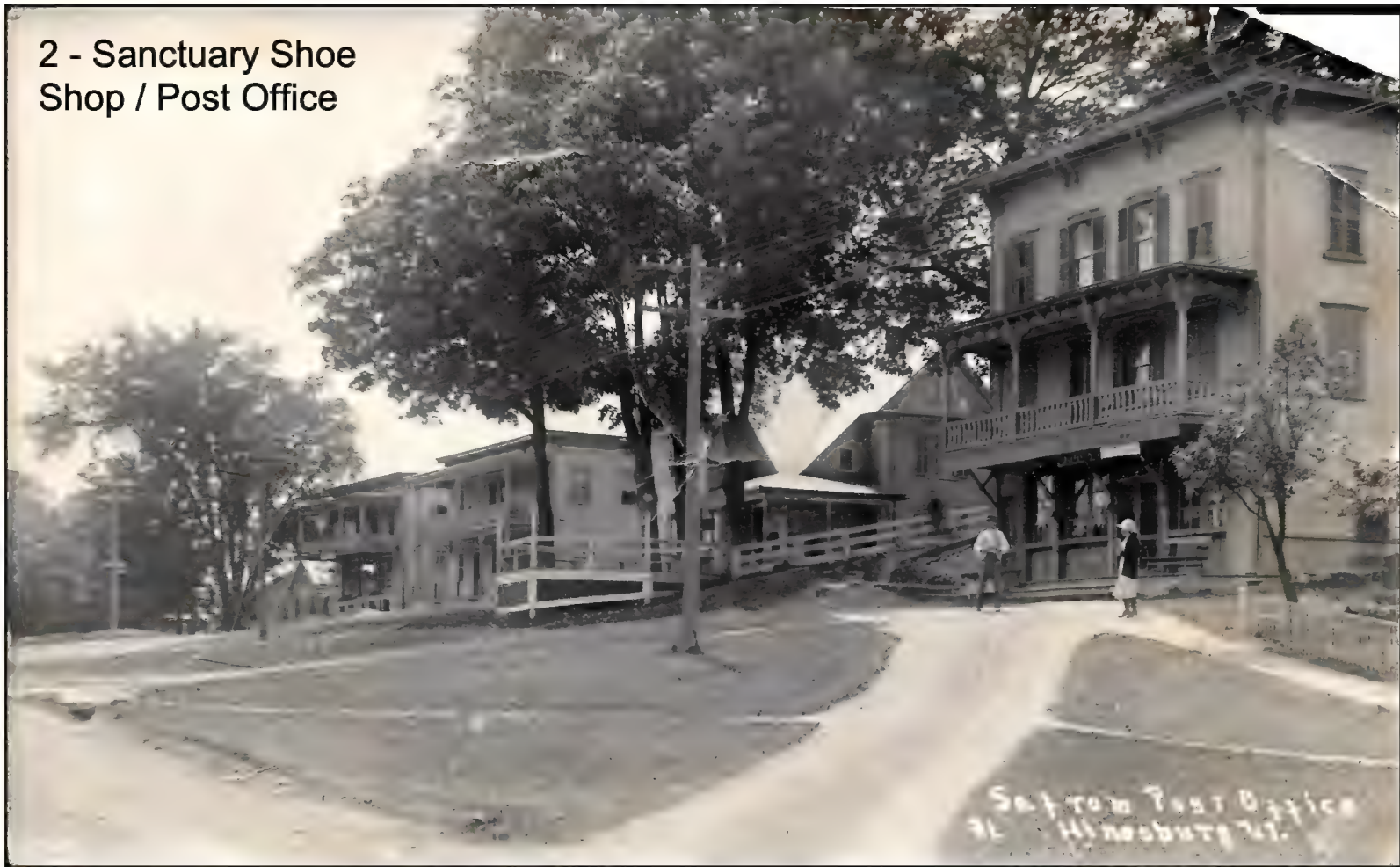


1 - View South





## 2 - Sanctuary Shoe Shop / Post Office



In May of 1851 James Degree bought the lot directly north of the Academy building for \$700. and later sold it to his brother-in-law, Louis Sanctuary, for \$750. The lot was 120 square rods, the former stone shop where Lyman Clark worked. Leonard Carpenter writes, "The building erected on the lot was occupied by Louis Sanctuary as a shoe shop and candy store, and until 1960 the postoffice was located in it." After that the Post Office moved to around the corner, the building is on the east side of the entrance to Green St.

*Burlington Independent*, 4 Dec 1885, "The Hinesburgh people will in future call at the shoe store of Louis Sanctuary to receive their mail."

Jennie McKenzie was postmaster from 1912 to 1941, her sister Marguerite was then appointed until 1956. The spinster sisters lived upstairs and the building was then known as the McKenzie Block.



### 3a - The Hinesburgh Academy



The Vermont Institute, later called The Hinesburgh Academy, was incorporated in 1824. The building stood on the hill behind the former Sarah Carpenter Memorial Library on land donated by Jedediah Boynton. The school operated as the Academy until it became the town high school in 1895. In 1915 the new high school (white building) was built and in 1917 "E. (Erle) O. Mead has purchased the old academy building and will convert it into an automobile warehouse." Thomas McKenzie joined Erle Mead to form Mead & McKenzie, selling and servicing cars during the 1920s. Thomas was brother of Jennie & Marguerite, postmasters.



### 3 - High School Class Photos



Allie Murray, born in 1890, received a camera for his 15th birthday

Print made from an Allie Murray glass plate negative



School photos taken around the turn of the last century, when the Academy building was the town high school.







### 3b - The Sarah Carpenter Memorial Library

Built by Leonard Carpenter in 1947 in memory of his mother, Sarah Degree Carpenter, who died of consumption in 1900, the year Leonard graduated from high school. He built the library on the site of the former Academy building, which was the high school between 1895 & 1915.

Sarah, the daughter of James Degree and Sophia Sanctuary, was born in Hinesburg in 1856. She married Clayton Carpenter of Huntington in 1875 and Leonard, the middle of their three sons, was born in 1882. Following his mother's death, the boys and their father moved to Buffalo NY but later Leonard would spend his summers in Hinesburg. Eventually he moved back to Vermont and died here in 1969.

The library outgrew this space in the village so it was moved to Ballards Corner in 1997, to a building donated by Henry Carse. The name was changed to the Carpenter-Carse library.



#### 4 - Graveyard and ...

(look for its twin as you walk through the village)



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The town fire truck was kept at the Mead house  
-r Ed Burleigh, Huber Taft, Erle Mead, Manuel  
Bissonette, Ralph Harvey, on a Model T Ford truck

A graveyard, or Burying Yard, as the deed stated, was on this site from the 1820s, when Jedediah Boynton donated land for that purpose. In 1887 the town decided to move the graves and sell the land. The Village Cemetery in Mechanicsville had been established in 1865, deeded to the town by A.H. Post, so most graves were probably moved there.

See the Jan 2016 *Hinesburg Record* for a story of one such grave. For more on cemeteries in Hinesburg see the Dec 2015 issue.

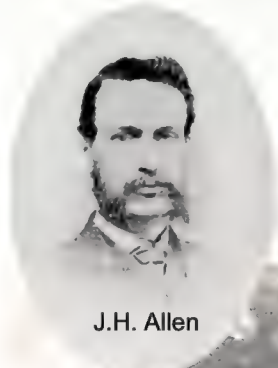
July 10 1891 *Burlington Free Press*, "A. S. Hull has bought the town lot adjoining the academy for \$280. and will erect a residence thereon."

Later, Oscar A. Mead lived here. When Oscar died in 1913, his son Erle hired someone to run his family farm on Silver St. and he, his wife (Flora Helen Russell), oldest children and his sister Etta, moved to Oscar's house in the village. Two more children were born to the family while in this house, including Leonard (Johnny) Oscar Mead.





## 5 - John Hamilton Allen Harness Shop



J.H. Allen



1890 Bristol Herald

What's the matter with John ?

JOHN IS ALL RIGHT !

**Why ?**

Because he has a good stock of Leather on hand and a shop full of good workmen and can turn out a good

**HARNESS**

HAND MADE on short notice. He also has a good line of Double and Single Light Harnesses constantly on hand, as well as Whips, Halters, Collars, Saddles, Blankets and Robes, all to be sold at prices that will make quick sales. Don't buy until you see John.

**J. H. ALLEN,**  
Hinesburgh, Vt.



Maybe built at the same time as the Hull block next door; 1889 by E. Sanctuary, more on that next. **John Hamilton Allen Jr.**, lived on Friendship Ave. Harness maker and merchant, "...in 1860 took up his father's business of harness making which he has continued to date, having been in the business 50 years. Enlisted in Co. G, 14th Vermont Regiment, Sept. 8, 1862; elected 1st lieutenant; participated in the battle of Gettysburg..." (*Vermont Biography*, 1912) The building was eventually owned by **Clayton Lucia**, who worked as a barber. The last commercial use of the building was "**Dick's Barber Shop**," operated until recently.







6 - H.M. Hull Store



photo from an Allie Murray glass plate negative



Alfred "Ally" Hull, cir 1920



## 6 - H. M. Hull Store

**HURRAH! HURRAH!!**  
**THE GREAT QUESTION**  
**DECIDED!**

The place to buy Carpets  
cheap is at

**H. M. HULL'S,**  
**HINESBURGH, VERMONT.**

He is prepared to show as large a line of  
**CARPETINGS**

As can be found in the State. New patterns received  
as fast as out. He also has his usual extensive  
stock of

**Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.**

A fine assortment of Hamburgs at remarkably  
low prices.

**Gents' and Boys' Clothing,**  
**Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes,**  
**Hardware, Crockery, Drugs**  
**and Medicines, Paints and**  
**Oils, Groceries and Flour.**

Also Agents for Dobbin's Electric Soap, the best in  
the world. Wholesale and Retail.  
March 2-1878 **H. M. HULL.**

Ad in the 29 Mar 1878  
*Burlington Free Press*

**HINESBURGH.**—The American Union tele-  
graph company have opened an office in H.  
M. Hull's store with a main wire, giving  
them as good facilities as any town in the  
State. In addition to their usual low rates,  
they have given a special rate of 15 and 1  
between Hinesburgh and Burlington.

Notice in the 2 Sept 1880  
*Burlington Free Press*

**H. M. HULL,**  
(Successor to M. Hull, who carried on the trade at  
same stand for 40 years.)  
DEALER IN  
**General Merchandise.**  
**COUNTRY PRODUCE**  
**A SPECIALTY.**  
Express & Telegraph Offices Connected.  
**HINESBURGH, VT.**  
ad from the 1882-83 Chittenden County Gazetteer

1882/83 gazetteer



Ally Hull



HINESBURGH. 499  
**CRYSTALINA**  
Is truly the most Wonderful External Skin Cure known to  
medical science. Contains no caustic, grease or poisons, may  
be used internally as well as externally. Sold everywhere at  
twenty-five cents and money refunded if it does not please you.  
Mailed, postage paid, upon receipt of price in stamps, to any  
part of United States. Profit absolutely guaranteed to dealers.  
If you are not acquainted with this valuable remedy, buy a  
bottle now. You will be interested, benefitted, cured, or it  
costs you nothing. Correspondence solicited.  
**A. S. HULL,**  
Sole Owner and Manufacturer,  
**HINESBURGH, VT.**

1902/03 business directory

The Hull Block, built by E. Sanctuary in 1889. Marcus Hull bought a store from Boynton & Hurlburt in this location in the 1830s and then he, his son Henry M. Hull, and then his grandson, Alfred "Ally" S. Hull, operated it into the next century. In 1869 the family lived in the house next door to the south, later the home of Dr. Wainer. See our article in the June 2010 *Hinesburg Record* for more about the Hull store.

31 August 1904 *Burlington Free Press*, "Two large business blocks belonging to H. M. Hull, and a barn owned by **Oscar Mead** of Hinesburg was recently burned to the ground. The flames started in the block just north of Mr. Hull's store, and its origin is a mystery. The blocks contained Mr. Hull's store, which was one of the oldest in Chittenden county; C. B. Lucia's barber shop and living rooms, J. H. Allen's harness shop, Dr. McKibben's apartments and several offices. Loss, \$25,000."

Another article reported that Mr. Hull's house and barn were saved by the heroic effort of the bucket brigade. Drs. McKibben and Wilson lost everything and both have opened an office in Sanctuary's block (probably the PO building). J. H. Allen has opened a harness shop on Friendship Ave, where he also lived. C. B. Lucia lost everything and has opened a barber shop at the hotel. Mrs. Lucia lost a valuable diamond ring. **Oscar Mead's** barn was a total loss and his house seriously damaged (building 4 on our tour). Obviously they rebuilt. Perhaps this is when the Hull block lost it's peaked front roof.

Ally Hull sold to "D. W. Eddy and Son, P.P. Eddy" (Dwight Webster Eddy & his son, Philip Philamon Eddy) his "entire stock of general merchandise and fixtures now owned by said A.S. Hull in the building known as the A.S. Hull store, said party of the second part is at once to take possession on May 19, 1919."

By 1947 the building housed Champlain Wood Products; between the 1950s to the 1970s Brown's funeral home, then Gifford Funeral Home was in the building.





## 7 - 1880s View



### Memorial Day at Hinesburgh.

Memorial Day was observed on Saturday, the 29th inst., in Hinesburgh. At about ten o'clock people began to arrive from the outskirts of the town and from places surrounding, until at 1 o'clock, the time announced for the exercises to begin. The pleasant village was well filled with people. A procession headed by the Hinesburgh Band was formed, and marched to the cemetery, where the graves were decorated by the Post. About fifty of the Grand Army boys marched in line, and a pretty feature of the procession was a large number of the children of the public schools, under the direction of Mr. C. I. Cole, principal of one of the schools. Returning to the village a platform had been erected in front of the academy building, from which the address was delivered by Hon. Alexis T. Smith of Vergennes. The address was exceedingly well received. Brief remarks were also made by Dr. A. H. Chessmore of Huntington and several selections excellently sung by the Hinesburgh Glee club with Mrs. C. I. Cole at the organ. These exercises over, the procession was reformed and to the stirring strains of the band marched to the Grand Army Hall where the ladies of the village provided refreshments, thus pleasantly closing the exercises of the day.

May 31 1886 *Burlington Free Press*





## F - Church Corner / Silver St.

- 1 - View Up & Down West Side
- 2 - Methodist Church
- 3 - Congregational Church
- 4 - Silver St.

1 down

1 up

Site of  
Boarding House

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Vantage Point  
DON'T stand in  
the road!

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Pre-Revolutionary War  
Settler, Abner Charfee

Hinesburg  
Community  
School

1869 Beers Map E. Davis

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Former Davis's Covered Bridge



North



# 1 - View Down Main St. West Side



Marcus Hull  
1857, 69  
McKenzie,  
Dr. Wainer  
20th century

Silver St & South

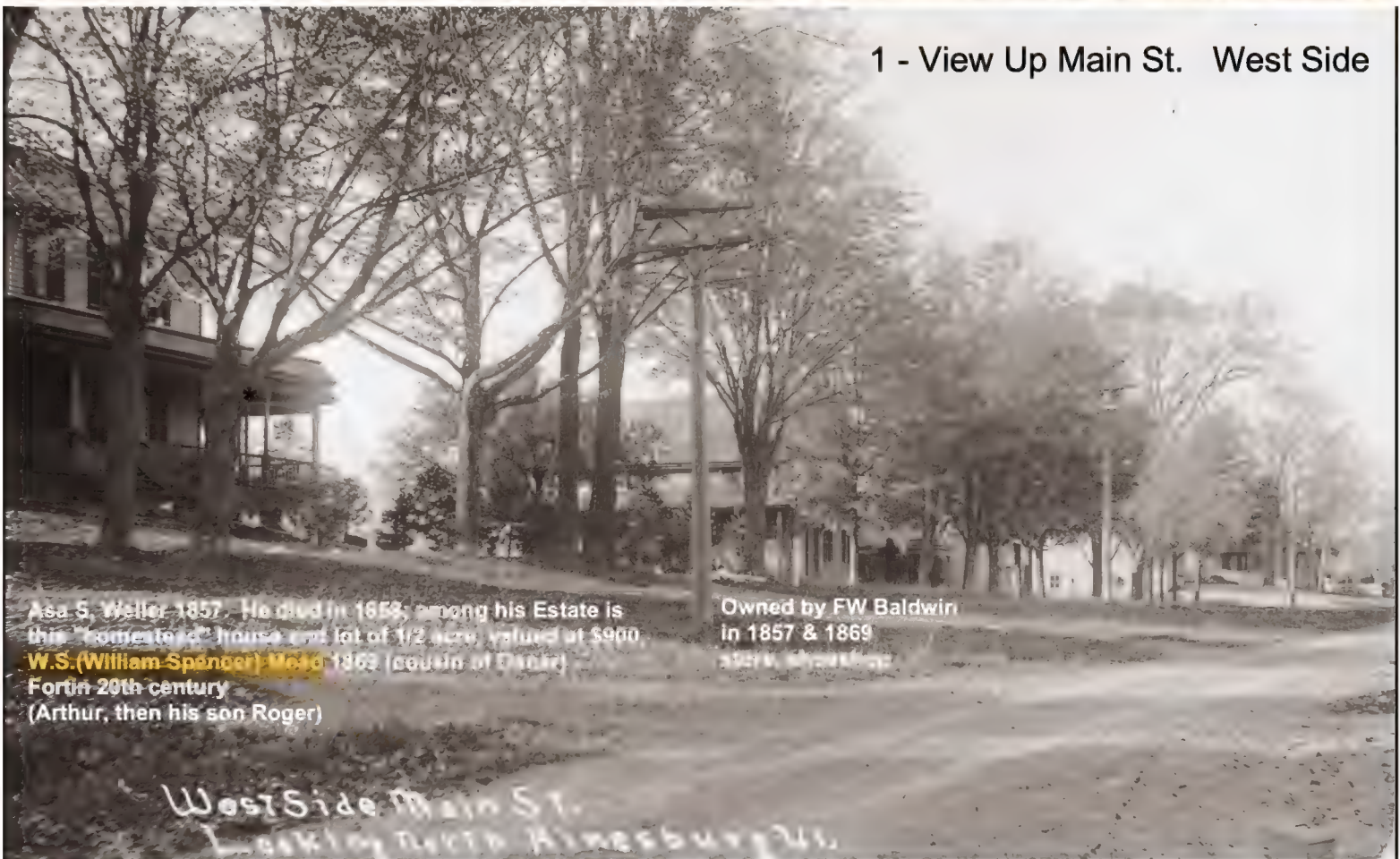
Dr Daniel Goodyear  
(1857, 69)  
Brick house

For decades boys couldn't wait for  
spring, when they could play  
baseball in the middle of Main St.

\* One final house in this row, not visible  
in these photos (top of Silver St)  
1857 H.L. Toby (sic)  
1869 H. Tobey

Main St  
Hinesbury

# 1 - View Up Main St. West Side



Asa S. Weller 1857. He died in 1863, among his Estate is  
this "homestead" house and lot of 1/2 acre, valued at \$900.  
**W.S. (William Spencer) Mott** 1863 (cousin of Daniel)  
Fortin 20th century  
(Arthur, then his son Roger)

Owned by FW Baldwin  
in 1857 & 1869

West Side Main St.  
Looking north Hinesbury, Ill.



2 - Methodist Church

3 - Congregational Church



Autumn

Silver St. →



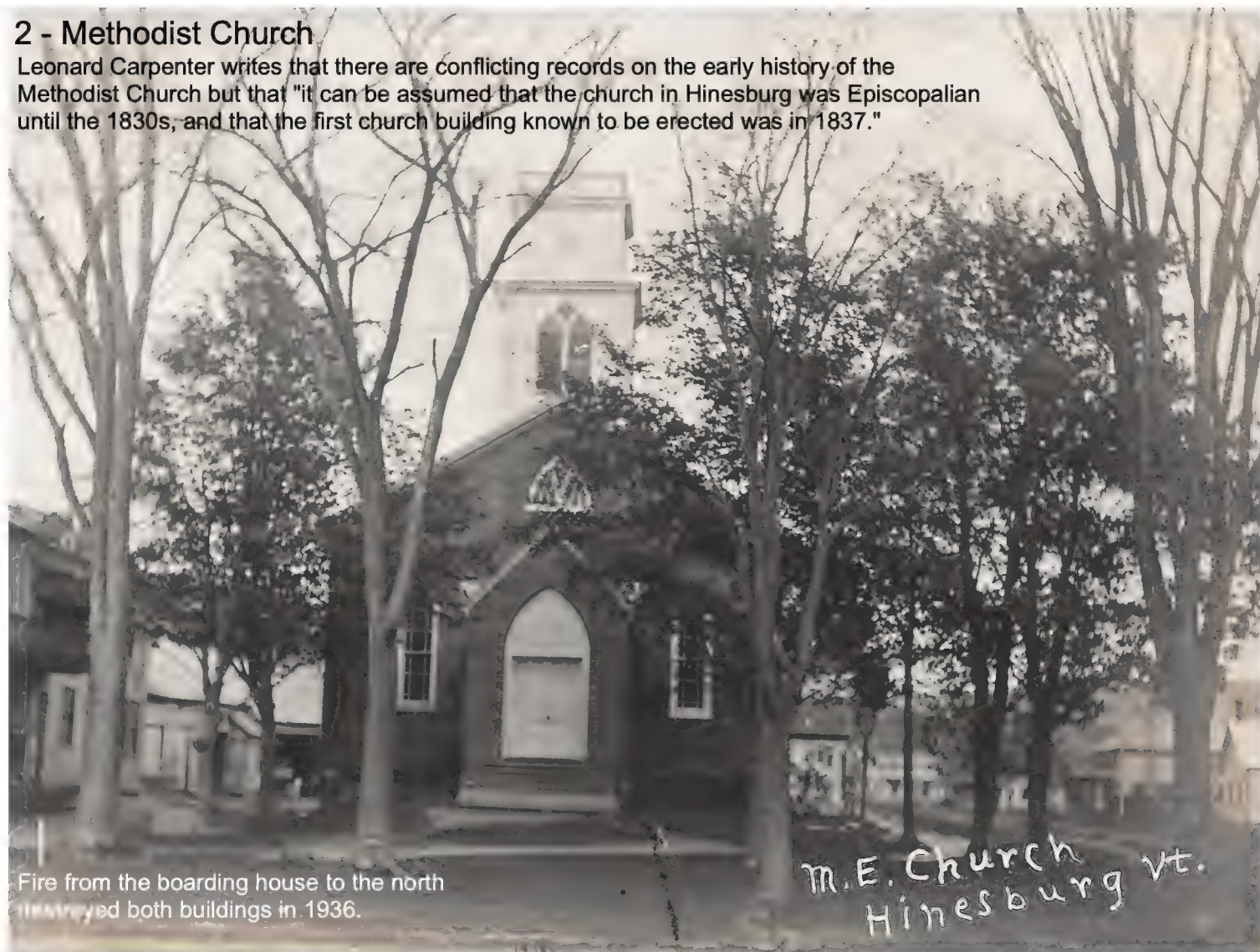
Summer

"Baker ~  
~Photo"



## 2 - Methodist Church

Leonard Carpenter writes that there are conflicting records on the early history of the Methodist Church but that "it can be assumed that the church in Hinesburg was Episcopalian until the 1830s, and that the first church building known to be erected was in 1837."

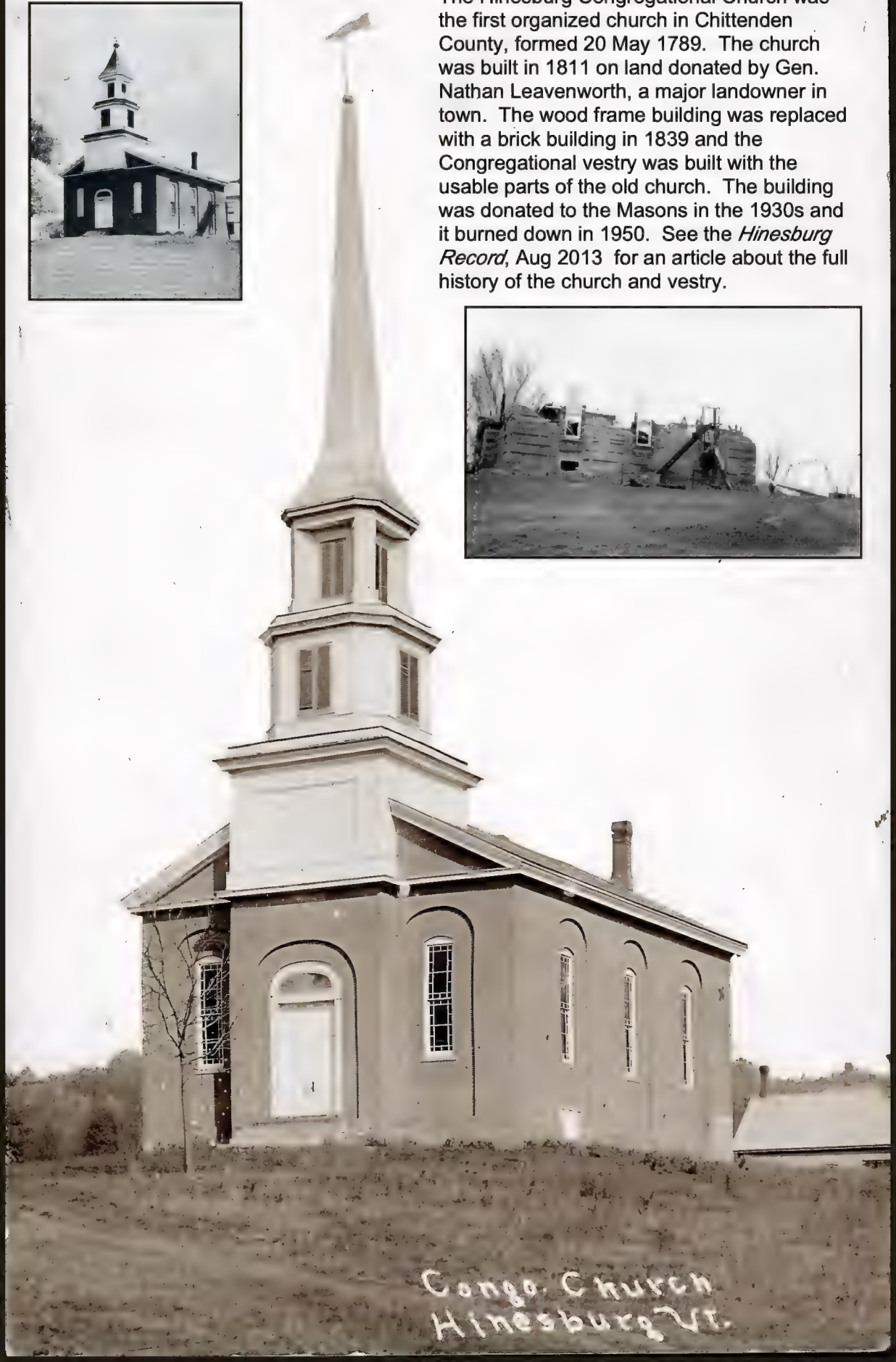




### 3 - Congregational Church



The Hinesburg Congregational Church was the first organized church in Chittenden County, formed 20 May 1789. The church was built in 1811 on land donated by Gen. Nathan Leavenworth, a major landowner in town. The wood frame building was replaced with a brick building in 1839 and the Congregational vestry was built with the usable parts of the old church. The building was donated to the Masons in the 1930s and it burned down in 1950. See the *Hinesburg Record*, Aug 2013 for an article about the full history of the church and vestry.





## 4 - Silver St.

Look at the View Down Main St. photo and you'll see the peak of the bridge roof in the distance.



"On the southeast corner of Main Street and Friendship Avenue stood the town whipping-post in the early 1800s. The post was used at times 'when it was necessary to dispense summary justice to offenders at a time when prisons were yet unbuilt, and courts met infrequently.' It was also used as a bulletin board for advertising stray cattle, special town meetings, etc. There was a debtor's jail across the street." - Leonard Carpenter





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End of Part II

Retrace your steps back to the traffic light to continue with Part III.  
Stay on the West side for the best vantage point for G,  
then cross street to continue down the East side.

Download Part III



## G - Hotel & Neighbors

- 1 - Hinesburg Hotel
- 2 & 3 - Neighbors to the North
- 4 - View From Behind
- 5 - Little White House

Take these views  
with you the next  
time you hike the  
Russell trails

Vantage Point  
(best viewed  
from the West  
side of street)

Lantmans



North



## 1 - Hinesburgh Hotel



Brian Busler, Beulah's son, purchased Lantman's from Lynn's son Doug Lantman in 1988 - See their website for more store history.

"The building now occupied by Lantman Brothers at the head of the Charlotte road was built as a hotel by **Royal Wright Post** (brother of **C.C. Post**) in 1860. It is on the site of the first town tavern built by Elijah Peck (no direct relation to Cicero Goddard Peck) in 1788. At one time Nathaniel Miles operated the hotel. There have been many other landlords, among them: Baldwin, Crandell, Lewis, Ray, Flanagan, Carpenter & Degree, Parker and Palmer. Reuben Wickware operated it in 1869." - Leonard Carpenter, 1961

From a very detailed essay by Leonard Carpenter, included in the 250th anniversary edition of his booklet:

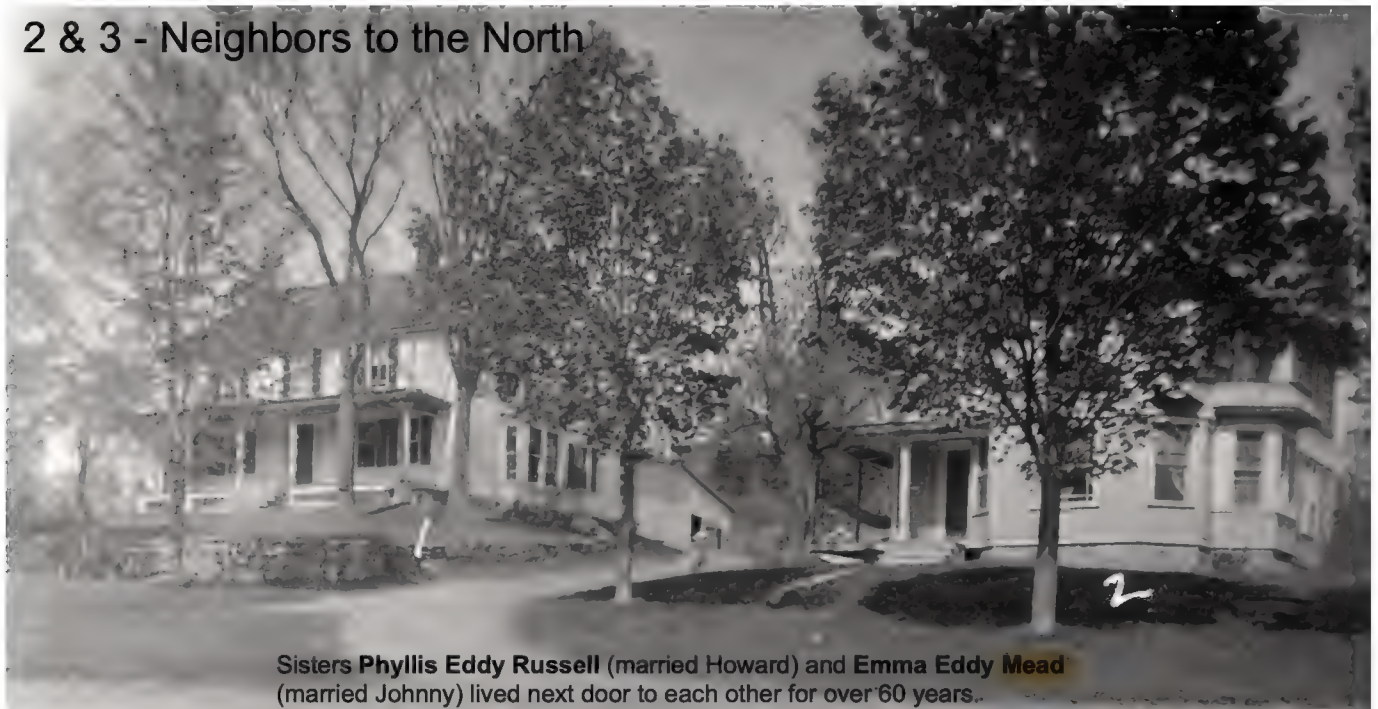
"The hotel was, and is, a three-story building with a basement. In the first floor was the hotel office, a small bar, kitchen, storeroom, dining room, sitting room, parlor and one bed room. There were a dozen bedrooms in the second floor, and a ball room occupied the whole of the third floor. Adjoining the office was an annex containing a pool table. One or two card tables were in the office, where "Pedro" or Perriwinkle was played "for cigars."



from left; John, Lynn and Howard Lantman, Thomas Patrick, Norma Stokes.



## 2 & 3 - Neighbors to the North



Sisters **Phyllis Eddy Russell** (married Howard) and **Emma Eddy Mead** (married Johnny) lived next door to each other for over 60 years.

**3** - Built in 1825 by Jedediah Boynton, who came to town in 1807 from Shelburne. He bought the property from Elijah Peck, owner of the tavern next door. Jedediah died in 1848. By 1857 the house belonged to Alson Hoyt (A.H.) Post. In 1869 it belonged to his son, Herman Arthur (H.A.) Post, brother of Royal Wright Post and Charles Cover Post. Herman Post owned the land across the street, where the town hall was built in 1901.

main St.  
Hinesburg Vt.

**2** - Built about 1895. Notice anything interesting about this house??

When **Erie O. Mead** died in 1943, his widow, **Flora Russell Mead** (daughter of Alice & William Russell), moved here from across the street. Her son **Johnny** joined her here when he returned from WWII



In 1881, **Alice Florence Post**, daughter of Herman, married Henry William Russell in Shelburne. These properties are still in the Russell family.



4 - View From Behind



\* Interesting to note: The roof of Woodman's Hall appears to be flat. Makes sense as the other Euzeb Sancturay commercial buildings have flat roofs. When was the roof changed?



## 5 - Little White House



Gone; now the entrance to the Lantman's parking lot. Dr. John Wooster Miles (Uncle of Dr. John Fay Miles, across the street) lived here in 1857 & 1869. He died in 1892 leaving his "dwelling house and 1/2 acre lot." Later the house was owned by Hugh Joseph Hart, who married Eleanor Ruth Mead, daughter of Earl O. Mead, in 1937. He started his business in 1941 and after WWII his brother-in-law Johnny (Leonard Oscar Mead) joined him, forming Hart & Mead. Hugh died in 1973. Doug Lantman tore the house down in 1980/81



South from Hotel  
Hinesburg Vt.



H - S. Main, East Side

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1 - Bowe House

2 - Andrews / Reed & Patrick / Riggs

3 - Congregational Parsonage

4 - View North & South

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5 - E. Boynton / Dr Beecher House

6 - F.W. Baldwin House

7 - Original St. Jude

8 - Congregational Vestry

9 - Methodist Parsonage

10 - James Miner House

11 - View Up Main St.

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St. Jude  
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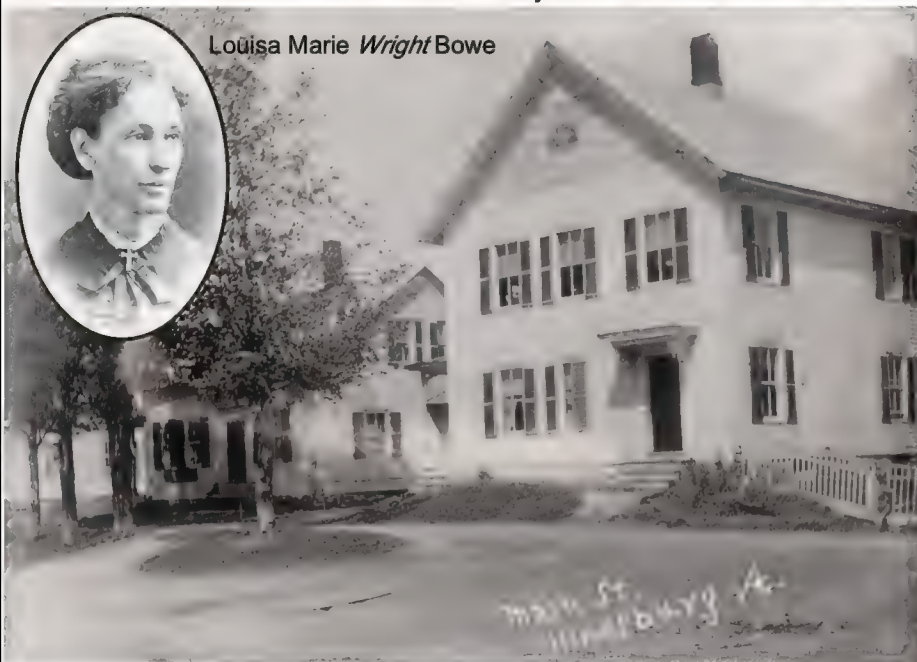


## 1 - Bowe House

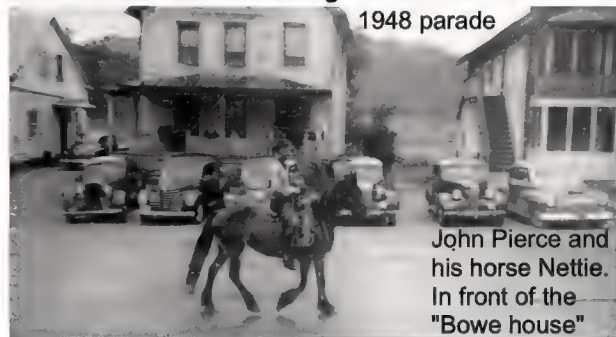


Allie Murray glass plate negative, double exposure

Built before 1850. Bateman Stearns kept a hatter's shop here. A.A. (Alexander Augustus) Forbes lived here in 1857. He left town in 1860 but his remains were returned when he died in 1881 and he's buried in the Village Cemetery. Then Mrs. L (Louisa) Bowe was here in 1869. She willed the property to the Baptist Church and she died in 1903. Through land transactions well into the later 20th century it was known as the "Bowe House." It was the Hinesburg vet until 2003.



Louisa Marie Wright Bowe



1948 parade

John Pierce and his horse Nettie. In front of the "Bowe house"

A preview of the next building (2)  
*Burlington Free Press.*

5 Jul 1922 - **W.E. Lantman and sons** of East Highgate have purchased the stock of A.I. Watson and took possession July 2.

20 Jul 1922 - Chausse & Robillard, real estate brokers, have sold for A.I. Watson his general store business, with stock and fixtures, located in Hinesburg, to W.E. Lantman & Sons, who have already taken possession.

5 Sep 1922 - W. E. Lantman and sons have installed an individual lightling plant that lights both houses and their store.

25 Feb 1926 - W.E. Lantman recently purchased of I.M. Bobar the old hotel property.

19 Oct 1926 - W.E. Lantman & Sons have their store in the hotel building nearly completed and expected to move their goods this week.

## Hinesburg, Vt.

We Share Our Profits by Giving

## S. & H. Green Trading Stamps!

Our prices are right.

Our goods are the best.

We give you service.

We give you S. & H. Stamps.

Hundreds of premiums given away each year to S. & H. stamp collectors.

**A. I. Watson**

Hinesburg, Vt.





## 2 - Andrews / Reed & Patrick / Riggs Hardware Store



Built around 1860, in 1869 this was **L. Andrews, store & PO.** Leonard C. Andrews came from Shelburne in 1863 where he had "been engaged in the mercantile business." Once here, he opened his store and was appointed Postmaster. He was married to Mary Celinda Viele, granddaughter of Jedediah Boynton.

Their daughter Florence married John S Patrick of the *other* Reed & Patrick, their son Frank married Lutie Flanagan, daughter of GW. Another son, William, owned the Miner house (10) and ran it as a boarding house; teachers were among the boarders (1910, 20) - you'll see that later. Eventually sons Frank & William took over the store.



from a tintype



**Reed & Patrick:** Clark G. Reed & Rufus Patrick. Clark was the son of Thomas Reed (who was also Beulah Berry's grandfather, making Clark her uncle). Rufus was the nephew of John S. Patrick. They dissolved their partnership in 1909.

### **W.E. Lantman & Sons**

The building became **Rigg's hardware store** in the 1930s, Herbert Riggs was born in England, he moved to Richmond with his family when he was 1. His daughter Betty June married Douglass Lantman and his son Howard married Norma Jean Lyman.

Gene & Norma Giroux have lived here since 1972.



### 3 - Congregational Parsonage



**Main Street, Hinesburg, Vt.**

**Reed & Patrick's Series**

Former parsonage, built in 1810. Rev. C.E. Ferrin lived here in 1857. It was purchased in 1947 by Herbert Riggs, who ran the hardware store to the north, and he owned this house until the family sold it in 1975. He had sold his hardware store building to Chester & Dorothy Miner in 1946, when it ceased being a commercial building. After a brief ownership, Roger Kohn bought the parsonage "parcel of land with dwelling house thereon" in 1979. See the Jan 2016 *Hinesburg Record* for a story about something interesting that was found here.



4 - View North



Winter, Frank Dow and his rig.

Print from an Allie Murray glass plate negative



#### 4 - View South



A photo you saw earlier but now focus on the left side of the street.



### 5 - E. Boynton (1857) & Dr. E. Beecher (1869)

Edward Boynton was a son of Jedediah. He was a longtime resident of Hinesburg but he died in New York City in 1860 of bleeding of the lungs at the age of 43.

Dr. Elmer Beecher was born in Hinesburg to Lyman & Lydia Beecher. He practiced medicine in Shelburne where he also served as town clerk. In March 1840 he came back to his father's farm where he stayed until 1860, when he moved to the village. He was elected town clerk and treasurer between 1865 and 1880 and served 2 years in the Senate. He died in 1906.

Owners of the house following were:

Helen Boynton (wife of Guy Dorwin Boynton), 1893

Mary & Elizabeth Gaffney (spinster sisters of Jack), 1914

Eugene Minum, cir 1936

Buzz & Caroline Harvey, 1940

Deke & Helen Devold, 1955

Hazel Hoyt, 1979

Joseph Fallon, law office, since 1983

### 6 - F.W. Baldwin

Known for a long time as the Hull house for Alfred S. Hull, even though he only lived here between 1913 & 1919



Dwight & Mary Eddy, grandparents of Emma and Phyllis (and Dwight K and Paul) bought the house from Ally Hull in 1919 and lived here until they sold the house to the newly formed parish of St Jude.

Frederick Warner Baldwin was the son of Edmund, who was a son of an original proprietor. F.W. was also the son-in-law of Erastus Bostwick. He owned and operated a tannery on his father's farm, which was near the bottom of Baldwin's Brook. The tannery supplied the leather to shoemakers into the 1880s. The house was built around 1796 by Doctor (his first name!) Bostwick, and was the second 2 story house in the village (after Elijah Peck's tavern).



The first tv in the village could be found in this house, sometime in the 1950s.  
Children from all over the village would come over to watch Saturday morning cartoons.



## 7 - St. Jude Church

Built in 1947. After several years of regular Mass at Woodman's Hall with St. Catherine's Father William Cain, in 1946 a new parish was created and Father John Mahoney appointed its first pastor. He had been an Army chaplain with the 43rd division during WWII. Twice during the war he pledged that he would one day build a chapel in honor of St. Jude, Patron Saint of Hopeless Cases, if lives were saved. The whole community participated in fundraising activities, from card parties and chicken suppers to bazaars and auctions. Unfortunately structural issues required that the parish rebuild and the current building was erected in 1989.



### **Chicken Pie Dinner**

**SUNDAY 12-2 P. M.**

**Hinesburg Grange Hall**

**Benefit**

**St. Jude's Parish**

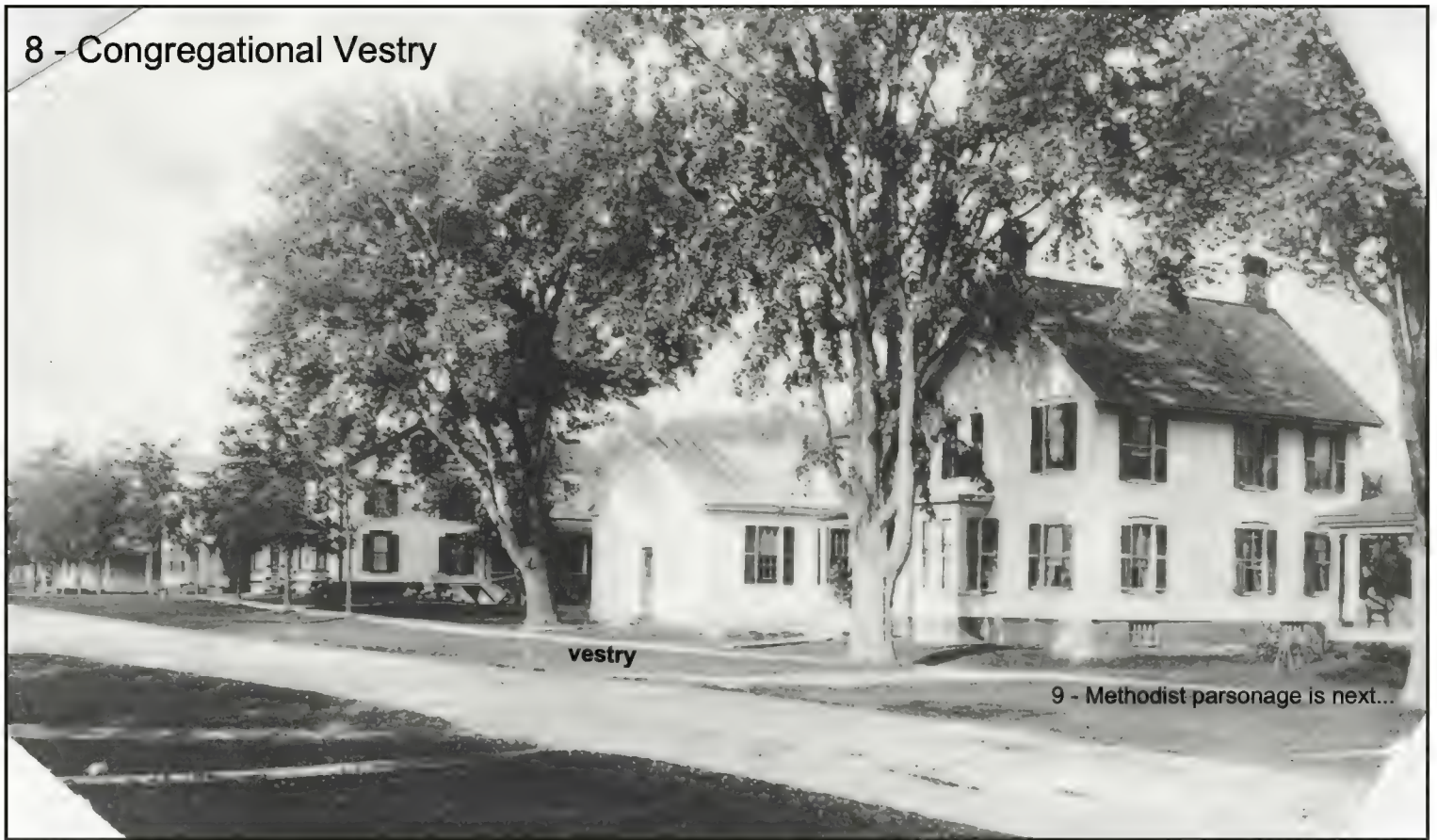
**Building Fund**

*Burlington Free Press, 4 Oct 1947*





## 8 - Congregational Vestry



9 - Methodist parsonage is next...

Built in 1837 with usable materials from the first Congregational church, on land leased by Frederick W. Baldwin. Building to be used for religious meetings, Sunday School... and not put to any use "that will annoy Baldwin." The building was added to at the back in 1913, on land leased by Rosamund Harris, who lived in the F.W. Baldwin house at that time. The Palladian window (seen on the front of the building, below) was originally behind the pulpit in the old church. In its later years the building was used as storage by the United Church, the boy scouts and the town recreation department. See the *Hinesburg Record*, Aug 2013 for an article about the history of the vestry.





## 9 - Methodist Parsonage

Built as the Methodist parsonage, the house is now the United Church parsonage. It's the only house in the village built as a parsonage that has stayed a parsonage.

Nahun Peck at one time wrote: "Daniel Norton and Lockwood Mead (who came to the town in 1797) were not among the fathers of the town, but were foremost among the laymen in building and sustaining the young and small society of Methodists."

Some Methodist Ministers who may have lived here: D.P. Hurlburt, W. Bedell, D.F. Brooks, E. Bouck, Ward Bullock, John Chase, Hiram Chase, A.S. Clark, R.T. Edwards, Asa F. Fenton, W. Foster, John G. Fort, Alson Hall, Bishop Isbell, A.J. Ingalls....



Methodist Parsonage  
Looking South  
Honesbury, Va.



## 10 - James Miner House



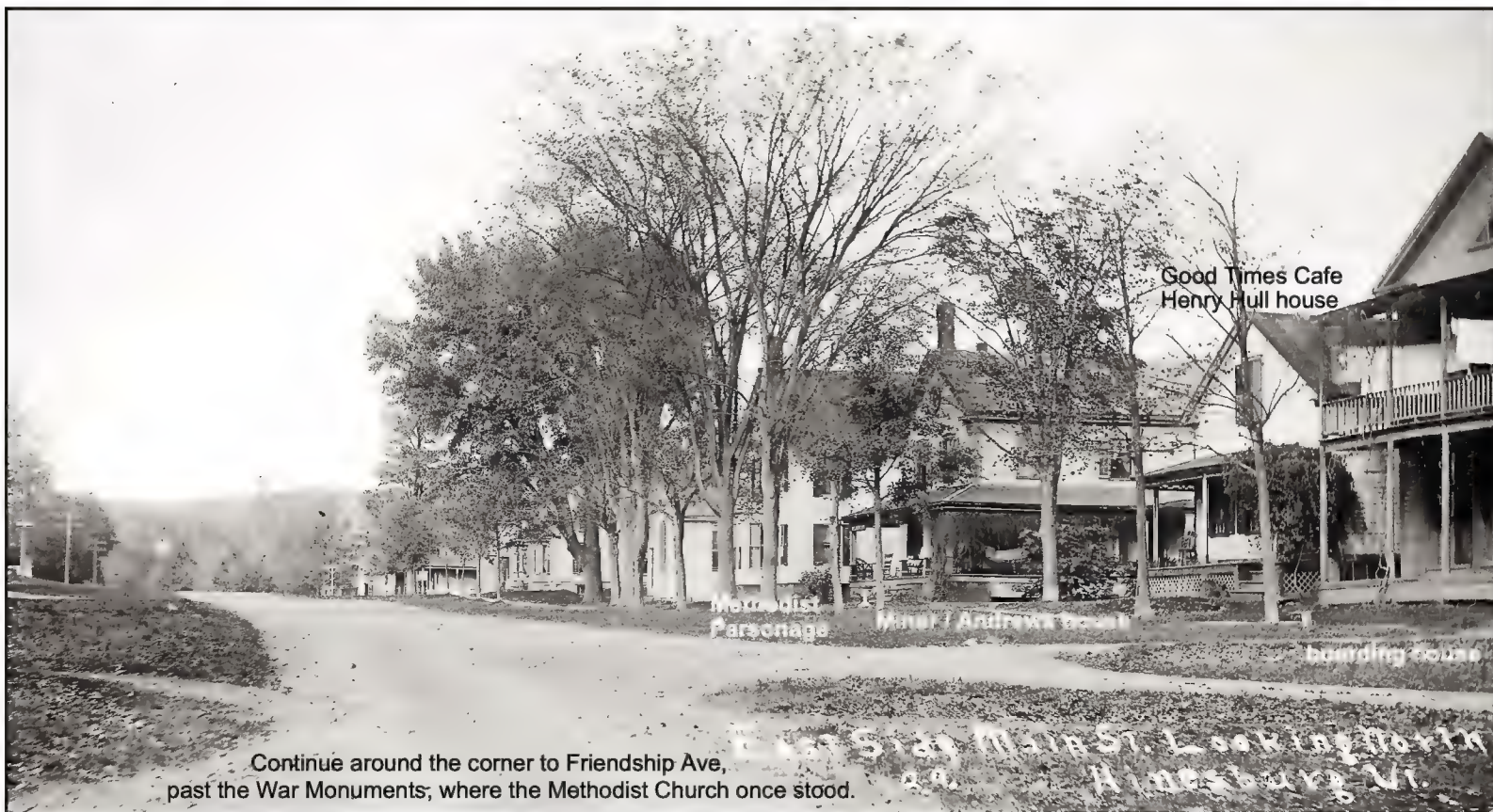
House owned by James Miner (1857, 1869 maps). According to the 1882 business directory, "James Miner owns 5 farms in Hinesburgh and 3 in Huntington, containing 1500 acres." He bought and sold, and probably also leased out the farms.

Later it belonged to William Andrews. He and his wife took in boarders. Zoom in on the house in other photos and you can see the sign on the front porch that says "W.E. Andrews."

In 1944, Peck Estate funds were used to purchase the Leon and Maud Miner house (no known relation to James; house was also known as the Andrews house). It was used as a rental property for Hinesburg teachers. The property was sold in 1979 with the Peck Estate holding the mortgage. In 2017, the Peck Estate assets reached just over \$1,000,000. The Peck Estate assets are under the control of three elected Trustees and are managed by a financial management firm.



# 11 - View Up Main St. - East Side



Continue around the corner to Friendship Ave,  
past the War Monuments; where the Methodist Church once stood.

East Side Main St. Looking North  
Hinesburg, Vt.

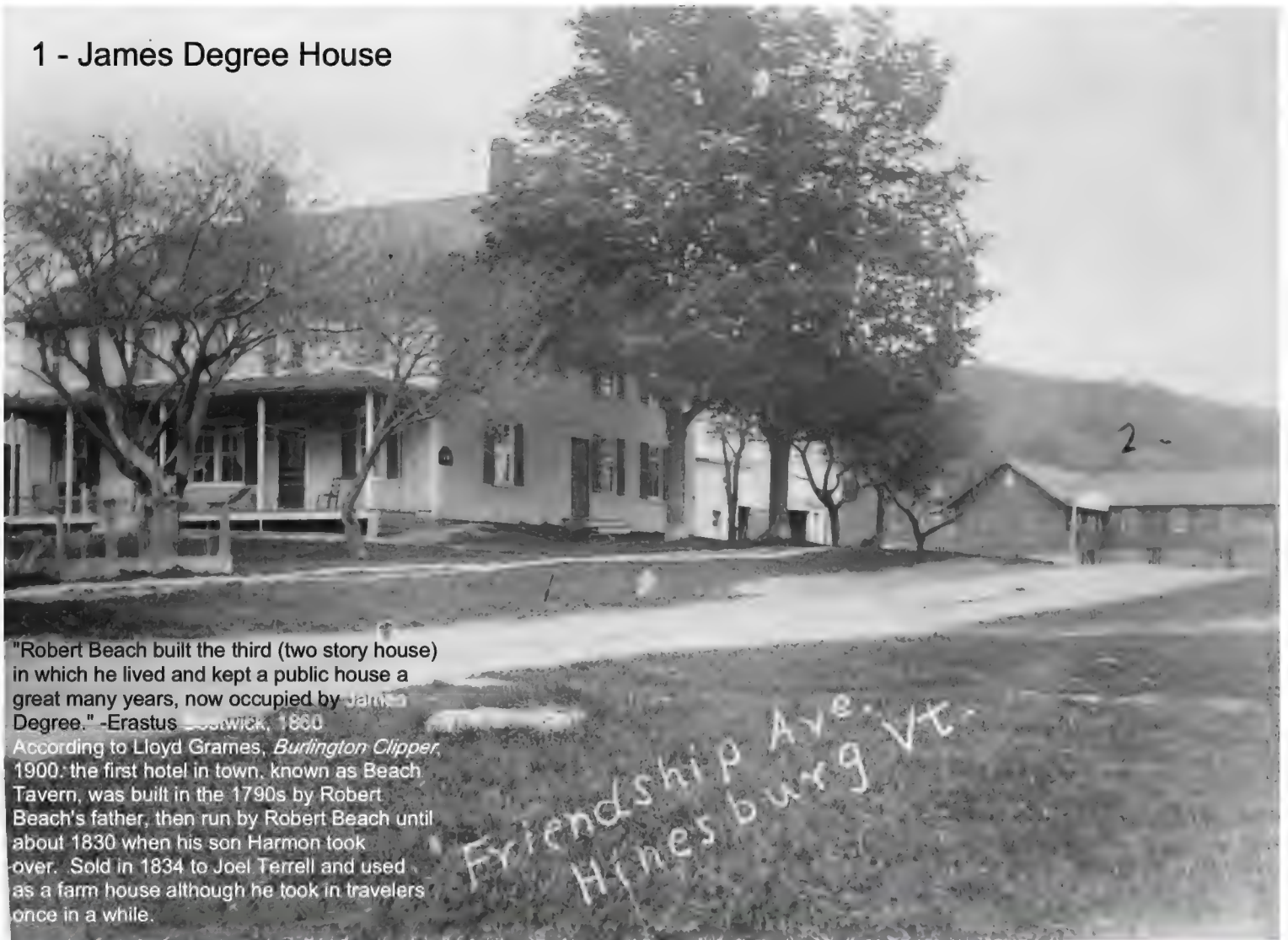




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## 1 - James Degree House



"Robert Beach built the third (two story house) in which he lived and kept a public house a great many years, now occupied by James Degree." -Erastus Eastwick, 1860  
According to Lloyd Grimes, *Burlington Clipper*, 1900: the first hotel in town, known as Beach Tavern, was built in the 1790s by Robert Beach's father, then run by Robert Beach until about 1830 when his son Harmon took over. Sold in 1834 to Joel Terrell and used as a farm house although he took in travelers once in a while.



James Degree and Sophia Sanctuary were both born in Canada in 1827. Sophia Sanctuary was the older sister of Louis and William Sanctuary, who we've already met. We know the Sanctuary family moved to Hinesburg in 1845. The Degree family probably moved to Shelburne at the same time. James & Sophia married in 1851 in Hinesburg. Their daughter was Sarah Melissa Degree, who married Clayton Carpenter. James died in 1880 of consumption. Sophia died in 1917.

James and their daughter, Sarah Degree Carpenter, weren't the only ones in the family to die of consumption. Their first 6 children did too; listed in birth order - Eugene died in 1871 at 19, Jennie (married Elon Olds Maritn) died in 1881 at 28, Sarah in 1900, Edgar (married Annie Miles, granddaughter of Dr. John Fay Miles) died in 1912 at 53, Valea (married Eugene Miller) died in 1887 at 33, and Ella died in 1863 at 19. Their youngest child, Eugenia Grace, lived a long life, to make up for the rest of her siblings - she died in 1972 at the age of 100.



## 2 - Degree Blacksmith Shop

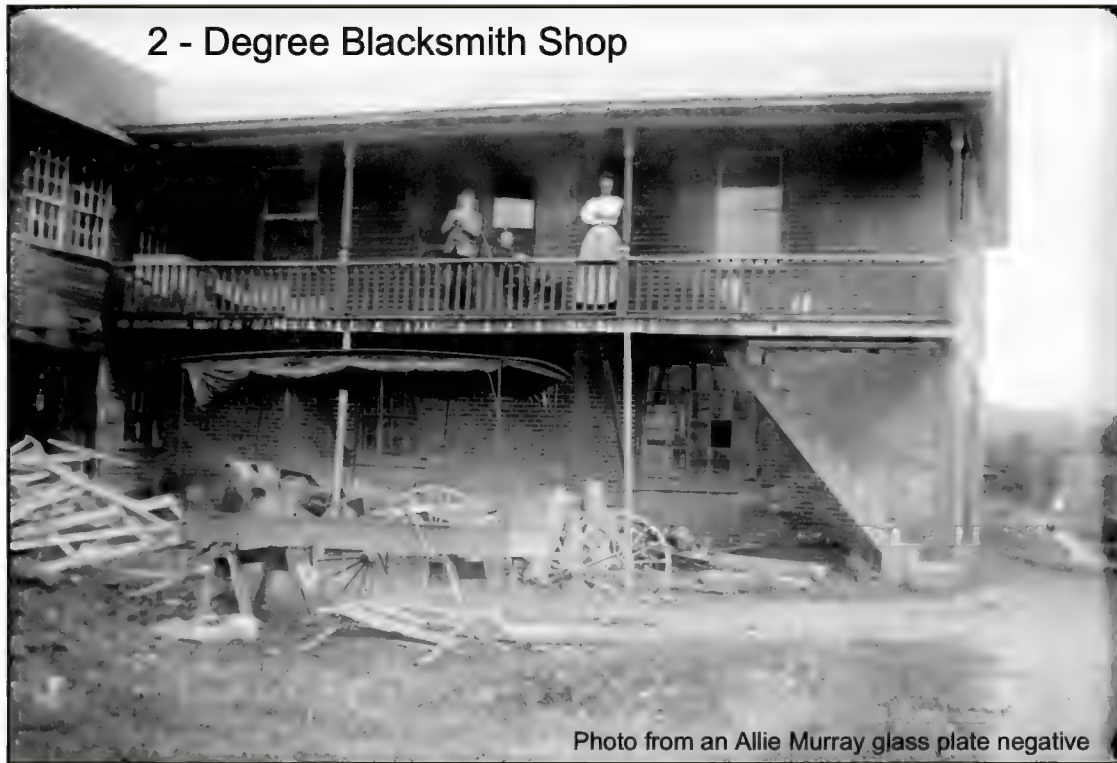


Photo from an Allie Murray glass plate negative

### THE CARRIAGE SHOP

About the year 1860 James Degree began manufacturing Concord buggies on Friendship Avenue in a shop where the **Hart and Mead Garage** is now located. These vehicles were noted for their wearing qualities and developed a reputation that carried their sales as far away as Australia. Sleighs were also built and general repair done.

On the death of James Degree in 1880, his son, Edgar L. and Elon O. Martin took over the business, the former in charge of the wood work, the latter the painting. Frank Flagg took care of the iron work. Isaac Sharon started working in the shop at one dollar per week and his board the first year. He studied nights, entered college and completed a medical education. For many years he was a successful doctor in Middlebury, Vermont.

The buggies were built high, with a very low seat back. The axles did not have washers, consequently were noisy. The wearing qualities discounted the noise.

"Old Charlie," (a horse) furnished the motor power, working in a treadmill machine that was efficient but noisy, but not moreso than a gasoline engine installed later. It was hard to start and hard to keep going.

The shop was open six days per week from seven A.M. to six o'clock at night, with one hour off at noon.

In the shop at times when the machines were running the workers seemed to like to sing, although they were not heard. When the noise stopped, Edgar, (a tenor) would start a song; Elon, singing a rich alto, and Frank (a basso) would gather close and sing a song or two, then disperse to their respective stations. This was a grand custom that tended to keep men satisfied with their occupations.

When automobiles began to come on the scene business fell off and was discontinued. The Concord buggies never seemed to wear out, and some may be reposing in old barns at this time. (One was found on a farm in 1950 by a former worker in the shop.)

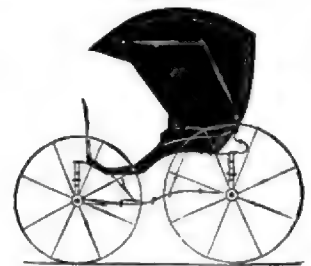
Recollections, by Leonard Carpenter, 1960 These essays are included in the 4th printing of Mr. Carpenter's booklet *Hinesburg, Vermont from 1762*, available digitally at the Carpenter-Carse Library (Leonard Carpenter was James Degree's grandson)

DEGRE & MARTIN.

Manufacturers of Heavy and Light

Wagons, Carriages & Sleighs

OF ALL KINDS.



Bent Wood Work of all Descriptions. Repairing done neatly and with dispatch.

TIRE SETTING A SPECIALTY.

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DEGRE'S PATENT TIRE OVEN.

This Oven saves time, expense of fuel, and burning of fellows. Only three minutes being needed to heat one tire, or twenty, and it avoids all danger of setting fire to buildings.

EDGAR L. DEGRE,

ELON O. MARTIN.

Hinesburgh, Vt.

1882/83 gazetteer  
son Edgar & son-in-law Elon Martin

DEGRE EDGAR L., (Hinesburgh) (D. & Martin,) carriage maker.  
\*DEGRE & MARTIN, (Hinesburgh) (Edgar L. D. and Elon O. M.,) manufacturers of carriages and sleighs. [Adv. on page 316.]  
Degree Simon P., (Hinesburgh) (Degree & Son) blacksmith and painter.  
Degree Timothy, (Hinesburgh) (Degree & Son) blacksmith and carriage maker, h and lot.  
Degree & Son, (Hinesburgh) (Timothy and Simon P.) blacksmithing and carriage making.

1882/83 directory

Notice Degree & Son also listed, Timothy & Simon, brother & nephew of James.



photo cir 1908, a couple of years before the business closed for good.

Martin, Pierce & Co.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

CARRIAGES and WAGONS.

Dealers in AGRICULTURAL TOOLS  
AND IMPLEMENTS, HARNESSSES,  
STOVES AND RANGES. . . .

A SPECIALTY MADE OF FARM WAGONS (HEAVY AND LIGHT)  
AND WORK SLEDS FOR THE TRADE.

HINESBURGH, VERMONT.

1902/03 business directory



## Schools in the Village

**late 1700s** Corner of Main & Charlotte Rd – "Delegates from the Monkton Baptist Church met with the members in a **school house located on the south-west corner of Main St and the Charlotte Rd.**" -from the 1888 gazetteer referring to the village in 1825

**1815** A schoolhouse was built east of the current white building. It's referred to as school No. 5 on the 1869 Beers map. "Then, too, the outside surroundings (outside the Congregational Church); at the north-east corner of the square, and facing west stood the **old yellow school-house**" -Edwin C. Hinsdell in a letter for the centennial celebration of the Congregational church.

**1824** The Vermont Institute, later called The Hinesburgh Academy, was incorporated in 1824. The building was behind where the former Carpenter Library building is (one story brick building) and next to the former village burying ground. The Academy & burying ground were built on land donated by Jedediah Boynton.

**1860** The lower floor of the Hinesburg Academy building was rented out to the local school system.

**1871** The whole Academy building became part of the town school system, still being run as the Hinesburgh Academy.

**1885** The old yellow schoolhouse was moved across the street and used as a hall for the Grand Army Post of Hinesburg and later as a Grange Hall. It's now the H & M Auto Supply building. A new building was erected that looked very similar to the old one.

**1895** The Academy building became the local high school.

**1915** The white building was erected as the town high school, directly to the west of school No. 5. The old Academy building was moved to behind the house to the south, and used as a garage (Mead & McKenzie).

**1952** The first of the current school wings was built and the old schoolhouse was probably torn down at this time. Additional wings were built over time to the present.

**1964** CVU was built, ending the white building's run as the town high school.



possible site of first school



Academy building



original schoolhouse  
built 1815  
moved 1885

white building  
built 1915

replacement schoolhouse  
built 1885



girls used the left door, boys the right

1885 schoolhouse  
(became the Ag. building)

1915 white building



3 - School # 5 / Hinesburg High School



Fall 1926



Primary School, 1926



Year unknown; notice the Degree blacksmith shop behind the shrubs at the right and their barn at the left.

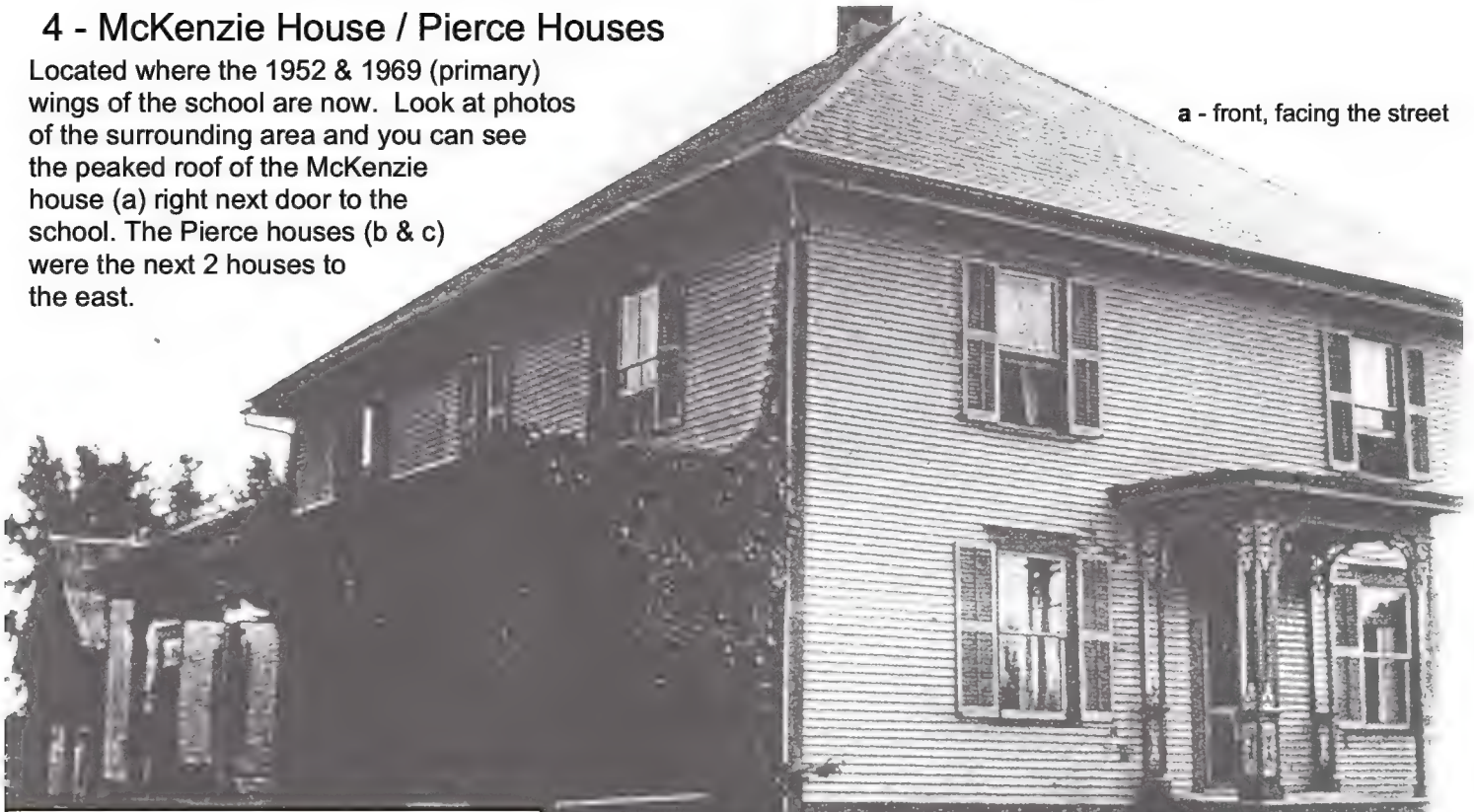




#### 4 - McKenzie House / Pierce Houses

Located where the 1952 & 1969 (primary) wings of the school are now. Look at photos of the surrounding area and you can see the peaked roof of the McKenzie house (a) right next door to the school. The Pierce houses (b & c) were the next 2 houses to the east.

a - front, facing the street



Thomas McKenzie bought this house in 1916 and moved his young family from the "Partch" house (across from Papa Nick's). This house burned down in 1921 and then the McKenzie family moved to the former Marcus Hull house around the corner.



1948: Joyce Riggs, Richard Bird, Alice Pecor

c - Coburn's son, Harrison, lived next door to his parents, the final house in the row of houses that are no longer there. Can you find that tree that was in front of the porch? It's still there today.

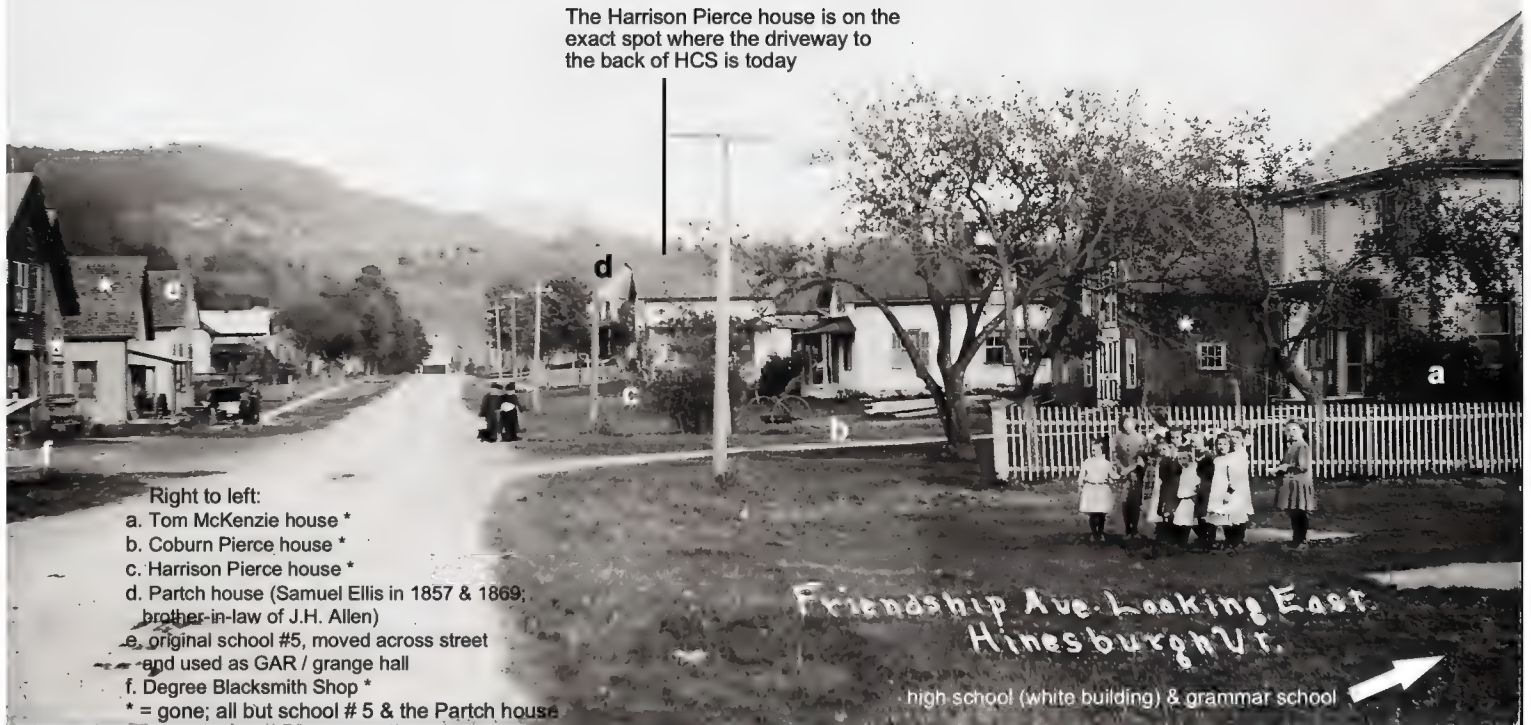


#### b - Coburn Wright Pierce house

Coburn is the "Pierce" in the 1902 ad for Martin, Pierce & Co., makers of carriages and wagons. See the Degree blacksmith page. He was also a farmer and grew gladiola bulbs to sell. See the June 2011 *Hinesburg Record* for an interview with John Pierce, grandson of Coburn. He was born in the house east of his grandfather's house, with the tree that grew crooked because of the porch.



## 5 - View East



### A WINTER MORNING

The gong on the big nickel-plated alarm clock exploded early, arousing the household.

Out of a warm bed, onto a cold floor, and dressing quickly by lamplight.

A kerosene lantern is lighted, and out through a shed to the barn to hay and grain the horses and cows, and milk the latter.

Back in the kitchen for a wash-up at the sink. Papers have been placed in the cook-stove, then kindling and kerosene. When the fire burns well, stove-wood is added.

Soon the teakettle steams; the old-fashioned coffee pot begins to throw off its aroma. Sausage, or some other kind of meat, brought frozen from the storeroom soon begins to sizzle in the frying pan, adding its aroma to that of the coffee. Oatmeal and eggs are cooking. This, with bread or toast constituted the breakfast. At times a saucer of home-canned fruit was added to the menu.

After breakfast the pigs and hens were fed, all of the stock watered, the horses curried and brushed, then other light chores, such as filling the wood-box and stove reservoir, until the first-bell rang at the school house; then a quick clean-up and a rush to school at nine o'clock.

- Recollections, by Leonard Carpenter, 1960. Essays included in latest edition of his booklet, found online at CCL



## 6 - Hart & Mead



Hugh Hart died in 1973  
Johnny Mead died in 2016  
John & Doug Mead, Johnny's sons,  
run Hart & Mead today.



Hugh Hart worked in Erle Mead's garage, Mead & Hill (former Mead & McKenzie), in 1930 (census). He was 19 years old. In 1937 he married Erle's daughter, Eleanor. By 1940 (census) he was proprietor of his own service station.

Meanwhile, Erle died in 1943. Johnny Mead, Hugh's brother-in-law, graduated from high school in 1944 & joined the Navy. When Johnny returned home from his service in WWII, in March of 1946, he moved in with his widowed mom (Flora Russell Mead), who had moved into the house north of Lantman's, and joined Hugh in his Texaco service station. They entered into an oral partnership 1 Sept 1946 (he married Emma Eddy a month later) and a written agreement was made 10 July 1959.

Thus began **Hart & Mead**.



Hart & Mead property consists of "Two adjacent parcels of land situated on the northerly side of State Route #116 in Hinesburg, Vermont, together with the buildings thereon." The blacksmith site and the house lot to the east, see below.

Howard Riggs (son of Herbert), 1st grader. Hart & Mead being built in the background over his left shoulder, cir 1940.



1900 Degree & Martin sold this lot (33' w by 100' d) to John H. Allen

★1899 Sophia Degree sold the property where her barn stood to her son-in-law, Clayton Carpenter, the year before his wife, Sarah Degree Carpenter died of TB. CJ Carpenter bought it for \$700.

"Reserving all the fruit that grows on the trees + bushes now on the land described as 'one other piece; as above during the term of my natural life.'" Sophia died in 1917

The car wash stands here now



1938

Degree house

Nothing here where the Degree blacksmith shop stood and Hart & Mead is yet to be built

Another house stood here

Former school #5 moved to what became known as the Grand Army lot and became the GAR and grange hall. Now the home of H & M Auto,



## 7 - View West / East End

Congregational steeple

Methodist steeple

Degree blacksmith  
+ 2 houses, gone

original school #5 /  
GAR, grange hall

Home of Elon Olds Martin & wife:  
wife # 1 was Jennie Degree, died in 1881.

# 2 was Anna Annis Castle, died in childbirth in 1894.

Guy D. Boynton bought house from Elon in late 1880s/early 1890s.

Sold it in 1900 to Martin Small.

Elon married Marie M. Allen, who died in 1901.

Elon married Katherine Jane Page in 1901.

Elon died in 1922. Katherine died in 1972.

The red barn across the street went with this farm.

Friendship Ave. Looking West  
Hinesburg Vt.

Lyman Meadow, formerly part of the Lyman farm.  
For a long time this land was called the "big farm." It was  
owned by Bial Boynton (1809-1851), a son of Jedediah and  
father of Guy Dorwin Boynton (1839-1912).

Houses east include J.H. Allen home.  
Families include Ray, Davis and Allen

In 1896 Martin & Anna Small bought this property from G.D. Boynton. The Smalls  
were the parents-in-law of Thomas McKenzie. Thomas married Belle Small in 1900  
and they lived here with her parents; their first child, Ralph, was born here. They soon  
moved to an apartment over the Post Office (where his sisters lived) and  
then they bought the Partch house, across the street from the Smalls.  
In 1906 the Smalls sold to Charles & Bertha Moore, and the house  
was bought and sold again and again.

For a while it was known as the "Owen Homestead."

1961 Wilber & Mary Boutin sold to  
Lawrence & Virginia Riggs (son of Herbert)

1972 Riggs sold to Johnny & Emma Mead

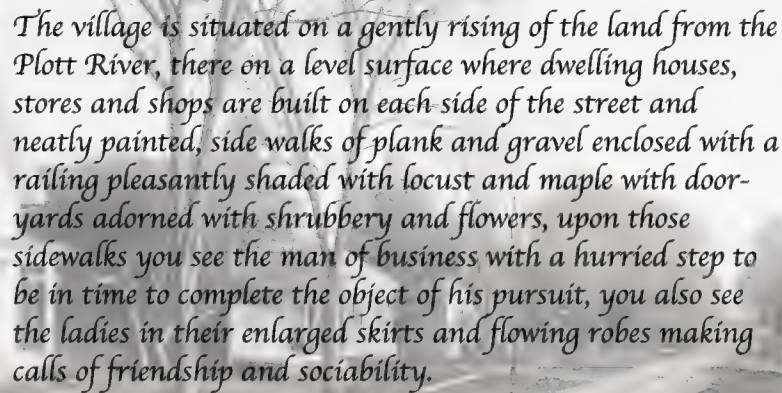
Continue around the bend and the  
road was called Johnnycake Street.

Friendship Ave.  
Hinesburg Vt.

THE END

Don't forget to download the separate map file!





The village is situated on a gently rising of the land from the Plott River, there on a level surface where dwelling houses, stores and shops are built on each side of the street and neatly painted, side walks of plank and gravel enclosed with a railing pleasantly shaded with locust and maple with door-yards adorned with shrubbery and flowers, upon those sidewalks you see the man of business with a hurried step to be in time to complete the object of his pursuit, you also see the ladies in their enlarged skirts and flowing robes making calls of friendship and sociability.

- Erastus Bostwick, 1860  
Hinesburgh, Vt

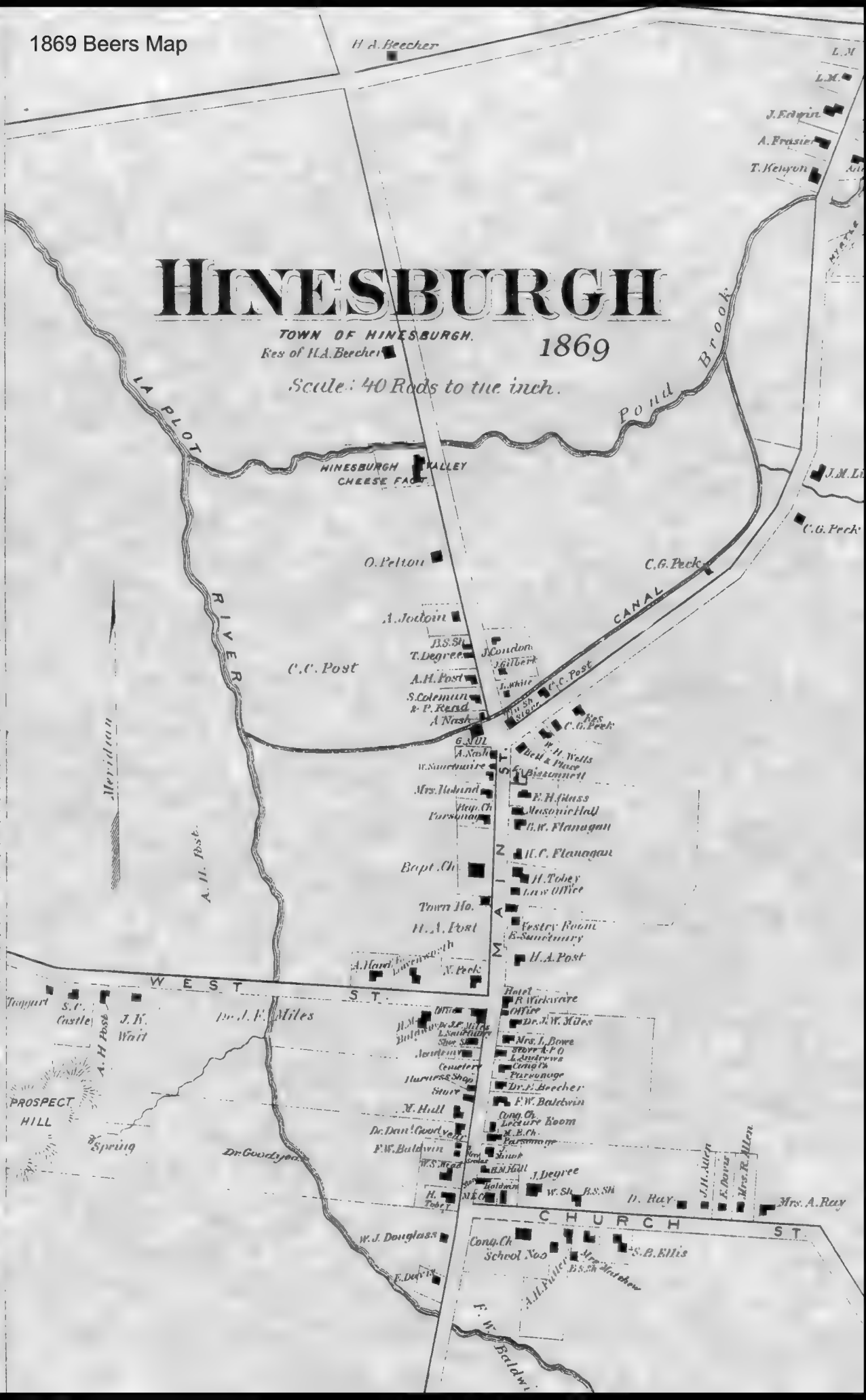
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- A big thank you to the **people we talked to**, asked questions of and basically pestered so we'd get this right: **Brian Busier**, **Bill Eddy**, **Nancy Lyman Goddard**, **David Lyman**, **John Pierce**, **Eileen Rooney Hausermann**, **Andrea Morgante**, **George Dameron**, **Doug**, **Erle** and **John Mead**, HHS members **Mary Jo Brace** and **Jean Miner**. Also thank you to the late **Ila McKenzie Crowley** for the memories she shared with her family in a self published booklet, and **Tom Hart & John Pierce**, who we interviewed at Winter Carnival in 2011. If we *didn't* talk to you and there's something you'd like to correct, email us at [HHS@gmavt.net](mailto:HHS@gmavt.net). We can correct our mistake when we update the tour.
- For **Hinesburg Record** past issues, see their website: [hinesburg-record.org](http://hinesburg-record.org) A big thank you to **Schuyler Jackson**, who "studied the electrification of Vermont and its impact on lifestyles, the economy and the landscape,..." He says, "I have interviewed people who have memories of how life changed for them when 'the lights came on.' I quickly found that those memories were most interesting within the context of tales about life in general as it was 'back then.'" With the permission of those he talked to, he shared some of the interviews in the *Hinesburg Record*.
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- The **Hinesburg Historical Society** considers all members of our community part of our organization. If you'd like to join us at our meetings, they are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the town hall downstairs meeting room. The Nov/Dec meetings are combined into one, usually the first or second Thurs. of December. See our Facebook page for that date each year.
- Before we finish the tour, I'd like to say a huge thank you to my partner in crime, **Mary Jo Brace**. Mary Jo talked to lots of people, dug up some really great photos, made multiple visits to the town vault and filled in many gaps, both from her memory and by knowing who to talk to.

We hoped you enjoyed the tour,  
Ann Thomas & the Hinesburg Historical Society



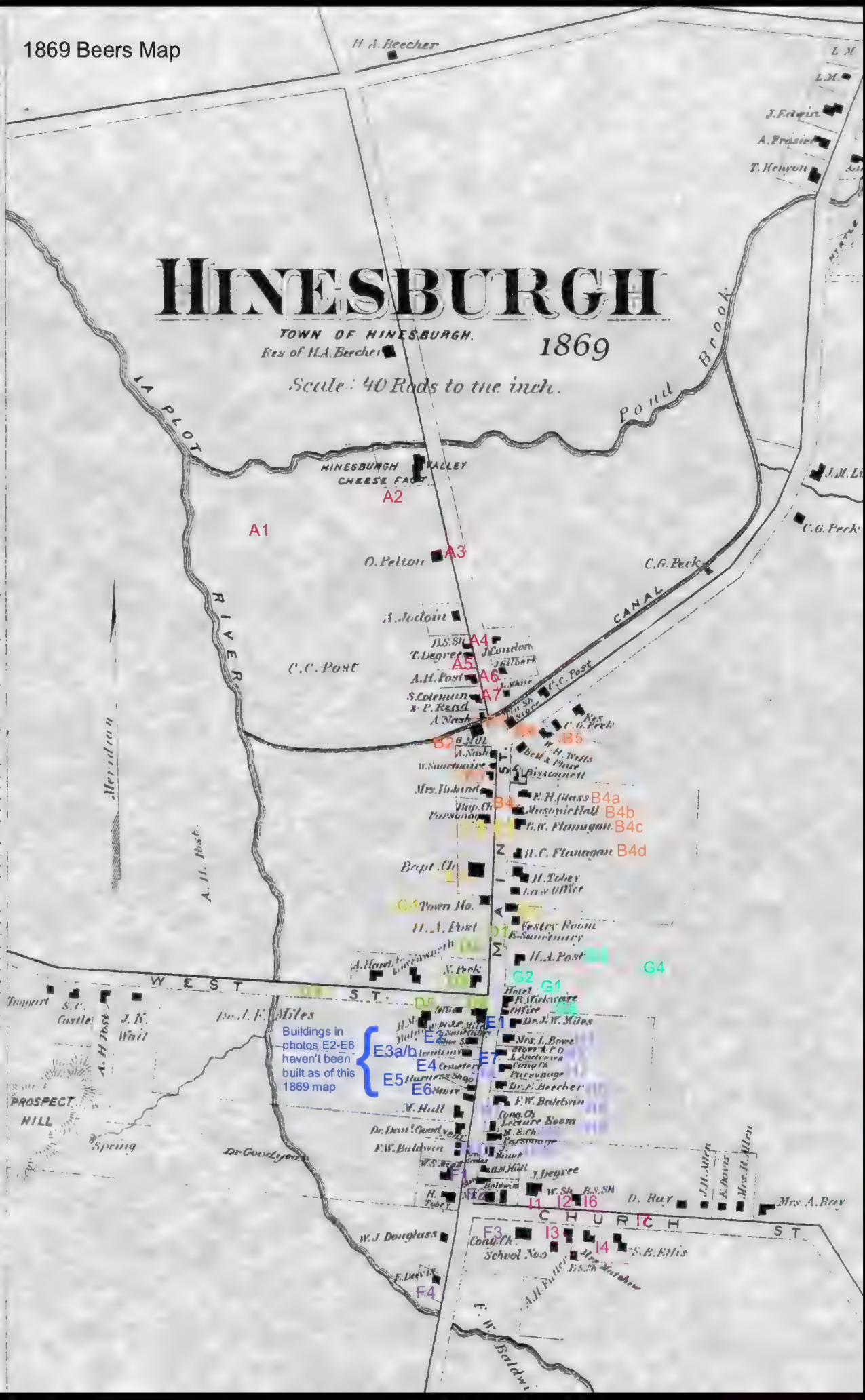








## 1869 Beers Map







Hinesburg Vt. From Rays Hill

cir 1900















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